

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Free MIG welding course offered

At the request of Utility Trailer Company in Enterprise, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Enterprise-Ozark Community College, and Enterprise City Schools have partnered to provide a 14-week MIG Welding Course to inter-

ested individuals who are 18 years of age or older. Classes will be held at Enterprise High School on Monday and Tuesday nights from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and is FREE to the public. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, October 25th.

To register for the course, interested persons should contact Anita Fulford at the Enterprise Career Link Office at (334) 393-3783 to schedule an interview.

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Elba football players were the guests of honor at the annual homecoming bonfire/pep rally held last Thursday evening, Oct. 7, behind the high school. Several senior players spoke during the event and displayed great enthusiasm for their first-ever meeting with the New Brockton Gamecocks, and that enthusiasm spread as Tiger Stadium was packed Friday night for the game. Fans from Elba and New Brockton should be commended for showing great support for the two teams.

## NEWS BRIEF

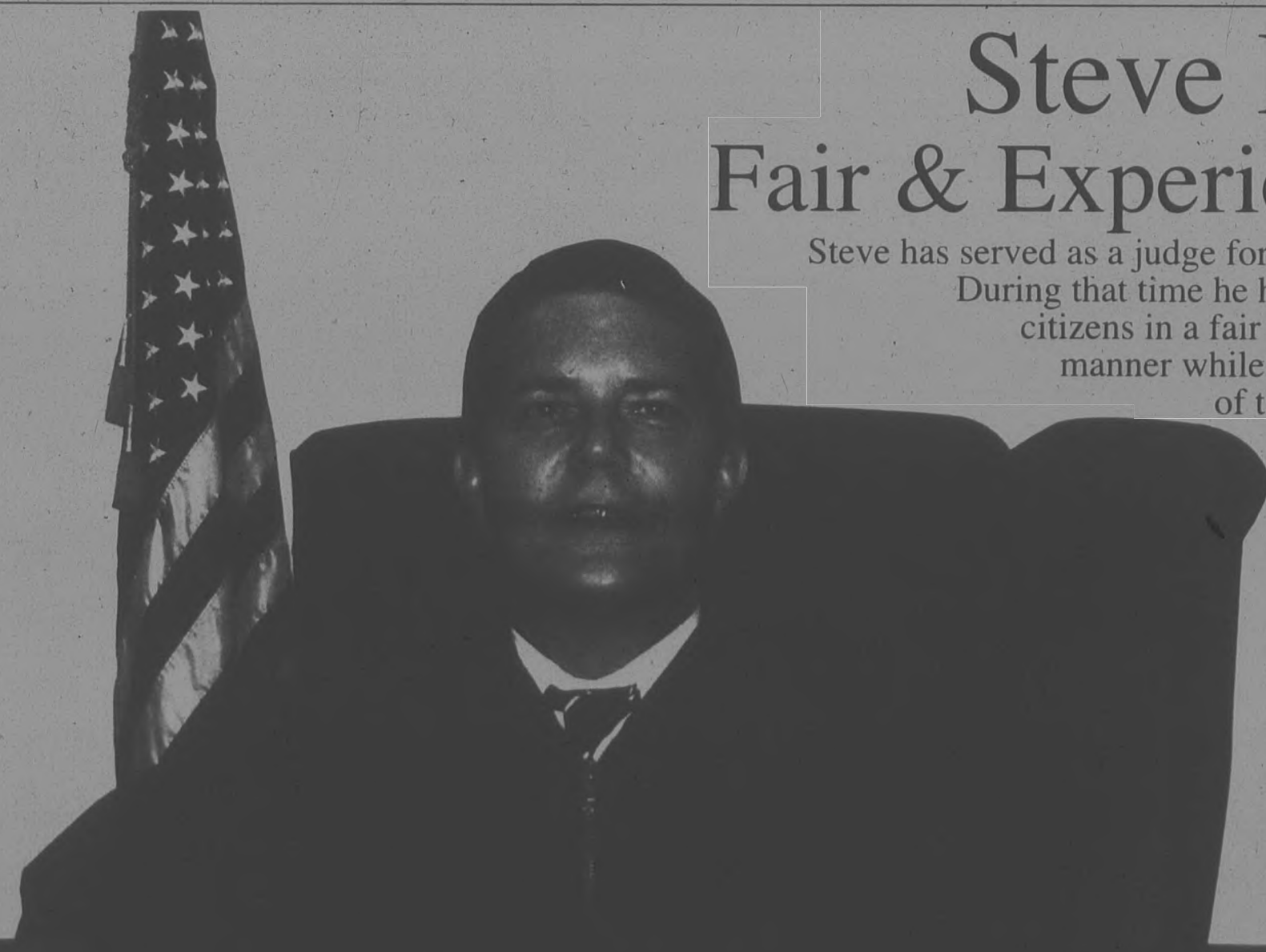
Elba Police officers responded to the scene of a shooting Sunday morning, Oct. 10, involving a juvenile black male.

According to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth, officers were told that the victim was shot at approximately 12:30 a.m. by one of four black males driving an older model white vehicle. The victim was taken to Elba General Hospital then transferred to Enterprise Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Whitworth said the incident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department.

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# The Elba Clipper

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## Local guard unit notified of pending activation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Select members of the Elba National Guard unit (3/117 Field Artillery) have been notified of a pending activation and deployment in Iraq.

Initial information is that those activated will be involved in security duty. The actual number of Guardsmen being activated from the local unit is unknown at this time and estimates vary from source to source. The entire battery will not be mobilized.

Lt Colonel Bob Horton said Monday evening from a meeting he was attending out West that the local troops will spend the first couple of days of their activation locally, getting their equipment ready for active duty. They will then spend about 45 days at an yet to be announced military base training for their special assignment, according to Horton. He added that the men are expected to receive orders for active duty in early November.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week a prepared news release from the Alabama National Guard headquarters in Montgomery read as follows: "Another Alabama Army National Guard unit has received mobilization orders for duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom, according to Major General Mark Bowen, adjutant

general of Alabama.

Bowen announced today that approximately 120 personnel from Headquarters, 3rd Battalion 117th Field Artillery in Troy will mobilize in early November. They will report to a stateside mobilization station for an intensive train-up period before deploying to their overseas duty station.

The exact date of activation and date of departure from home station have not been announced at this time. The unit members will perform a security mission while on

active duty.

"I am confident the 3/117th Field Artillery will continue to build on the Alabama Guard's proud legacy of service in our nation's war of terrorism," said Bowen.

The activation of the 3/117th Field Artillery is part of the ongoing call-up of units nationwide for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Since Sept. 11, 2001 (9-11), nearly 9,000 Alabama Army and Air Guard personnel have been called to active duty."

## Elba Fly-In set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at Carl Folsom Airport

The annual Elba Fly-In is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba. The event will be sponsored by the EAA Chapter 351 and Wing Nuts Inc.

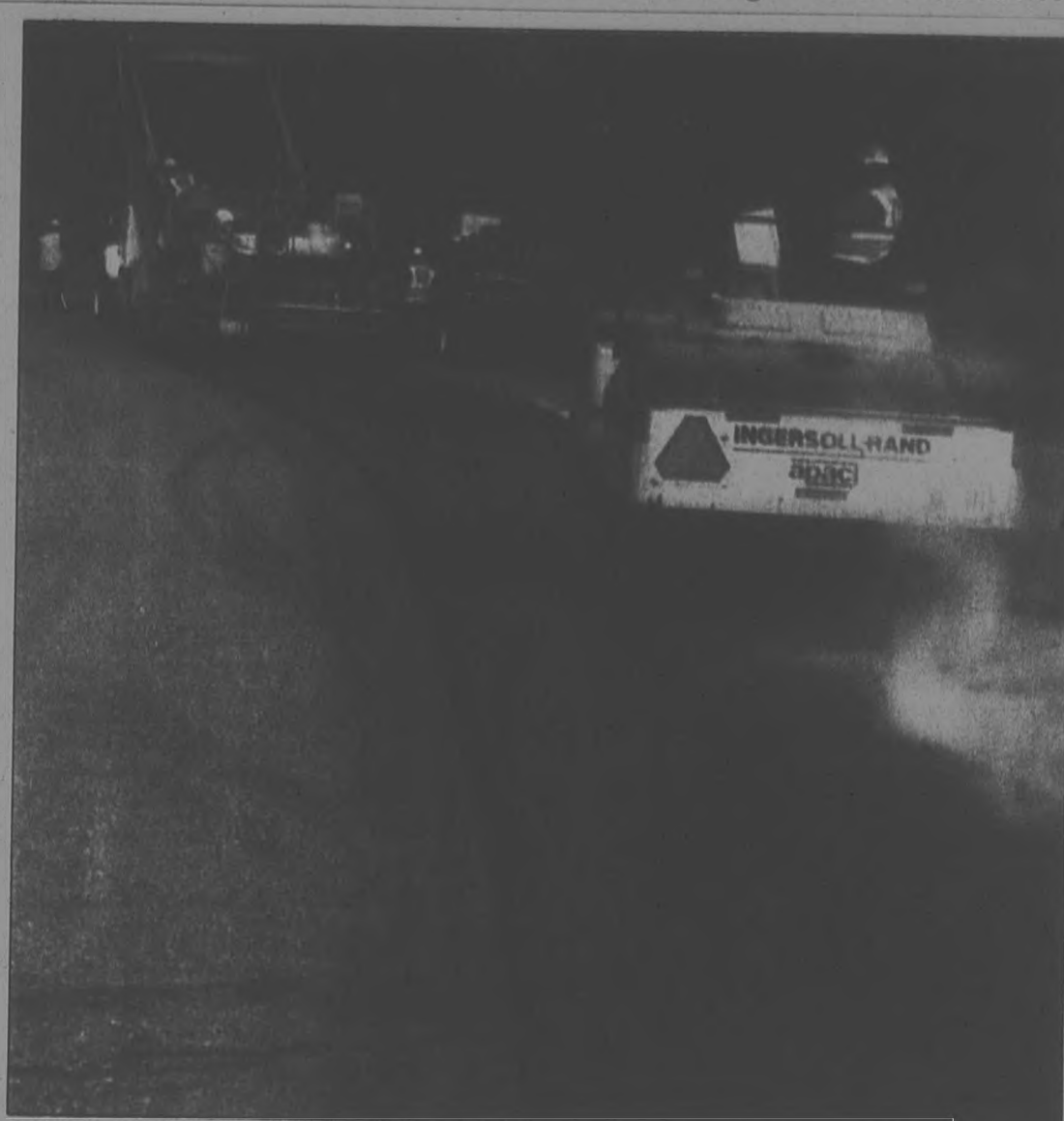
The fly-in offers a great opportunity for local citizens to talk with aviation enthusiasts while getting an upclose look at various types of aircraft.

Although the fly-in does not include any type of air show, those in attendance will most

likely be able to watch planes land and take off as guests arrive and depart from the event. Highlights of the Fly-In will be a fly market, airplane and helicopter rides, pancake breakfast, barbecue for lunch and under wing camping.

Admission is free for the event and there will be no fees for camping or the fly market.

For more information, contact Mike Haynes (334) 897-1137 or email: wingnutsinc@aol.com. Interested persons can also visit the Wing Nuts website at: www.wingnuts.com.



RESURFACING work on Highland Drive Tuesday morning is part of a long awaited project to improve a number of Elba streets. Several downtown streets and part of the Old River Road were included in this round of work. Elba city officials are already planning their next group of streets to be resurfaced as soon as funds become available. Part of one of the rough remains from water and sewer repairs for which Highland is renowned can be seen in the foreground.

## Elba Marching Tigers shine at Little Big Horn band contest

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When the Elba Marching Tiger Band began the short journey to Opp, Ala. last Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, to participate in the 24th Annual Little Big Horn Marching Band Contest, the goal was to perform as a team doing the best job possible. When the awards ceremony began Saturday night, the band was rewarded for achieving that goal.

The Marching Tigers delivered a performance that brought a large following of parents and other supporters to their feet. The awards ceremony did the same thing.

The band received superior ratings (all 1s) for the drum major, majorettes, colorguard, danceline, percussion and band.

Also, the drum majors, Gale Olson and Brianna Bailey, received the Mallory Award for having the highest score of any drum major at the competition.

According to Elba band director Jeff Ellis, no other Elba drum major has ever received the Mallory Award.

"Of course I was very proud," Ellis said. "I was not surprised though because I knew they had the ability."

Ellis said the goal for this marching season has been to

get rid of individualism and march as a team. Last Saturday, he said his students showed more team spirit and focus than any band he's ever had.

"When they came off the field, that focus was still there," he said. "They made me feel like all of my teaching had been successful."

However, he is quick to point out that the students are the ones who deserve the credit for the successful performance.

"All I really do is holler a lot," Ellis said. "The glory goes to God, the children get the credit and any mistakes made

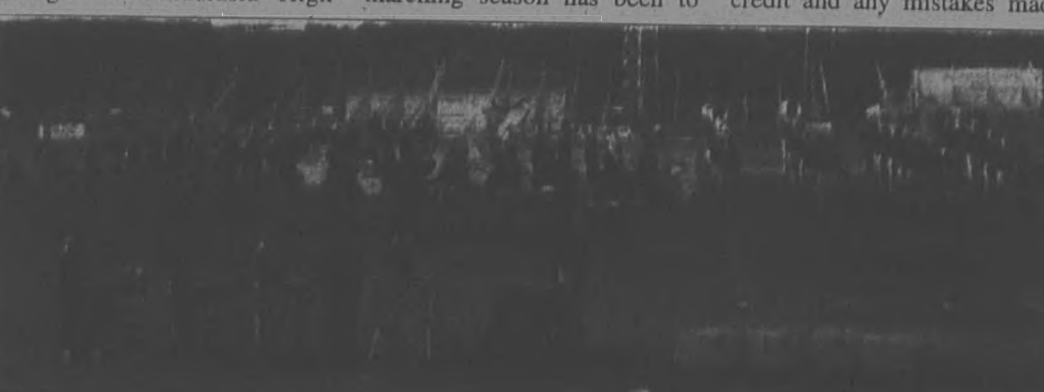
are my responsibility."

As the awards were being announced Saturday evening, Ellis said it was all he could do to keep the students in the bleachers, and when the Mallory Award was announced, he said the excitement could be contained no more.

The students, parents and supporters met in the endzone of Channel-Lee Stadium to enjoy the moment together, but Ellis quickly reminded the students that their job was not finished with another contest remaining this upcoming weekend in Ashford.



Drum majors Gale Olson and Brianna Bailey were all smiles as they accepted the prestigious Mallory award.



The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band performs at the 24th annual Little Big Horn contest

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## Elba's Emilee Hudson named first place runner-up at Little Miss Peanut Festival pageant

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Little Miss Elba Emilee Hudson returned home from the Little Miss National Peanut Festival pageant with the title of first runner-up, but most importantly, she said she brought home fond memories and lots of new friendships.

Hudson was one of 57 contestants to compete for the title of Little Miss National Peanut Festival queen last Saturday evening, Oct. 16, at the Dothan Civic Center, and by the night's end, she was named the pageant's first runner-up and winner of the interview portion of the pageant.

"I was really nervous," Hudson said. "But, it was lots and lots of fun, and I met lots of friends."

She said participating in the pageant allowed her to meet two other young ladies she now refers to as "really good friends." Little Miss Brundidge McKenzie Wambles and Little Miss Dothan Emma Grace.

Hudson said she and the other contestants participated in the interview session Saturday morning, and the pageant's "top ten" was decided by scores from the interview.



Emilee Hudson

During Saturday evening's competition, Hudson said she participated in the opening number, she talked on stage and, of course, she had to do the walk. "I was just really, really happy when they called my name for the top ten," she said. "I kept thinking please let me be in the top ten. I was crossing my fingers."

Hudson said the huge crowd

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## REMINDER

The voting machines to be used in the November 2, 2004 General Election will be tested on Tuesday, Oct. 26, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The tests will be conducted in the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy. 84 W., New Brockton. The general public is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to title 17-24-7 and 17-24-9, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

For the Tuesday, Nov. 2, General Election, polling hours will be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

## Area Happenings

THE ELBA NURSING HOME will hold the fourth quarterly Family Council meeting of 2004 on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 5 p.m. in the facility conference room. All sponsors and the public are invited to attend.

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 22, with the Elba Tigers hosting the Samson Tigers. Also, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Geneva County, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host the Kinston Bulldogs and the Brantley Bulldogs will host McKenzie.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL, the Class of 1990 invites all graduates, staff and former staff to an open house at the school's auditorium at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, (before the homecoming football game).

A HEALTHY HARVEST HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE will be hosted by the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon.



JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY...The Elba Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Elba's newest wireless phone business, Wireless Plus, an authorized Alltel agent, is located in downtown Elba across from the Elba United Methodist Church and offers a variety of wireless plans for cellular/digital phone users. Those present for the ribbon cutting were (from left): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss Elba Kendall Simson, Mary Gray, Little Miss Elba Emilee Hudson, Gary Hudson, Brett Hudson, Mary McMillan, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Doris Matthews, Brock Hudson, Future Little Miss Elba Madelyn Kelley, Diane English, Mady Taylor, Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford and Herby McCall.



## EDITORIAL

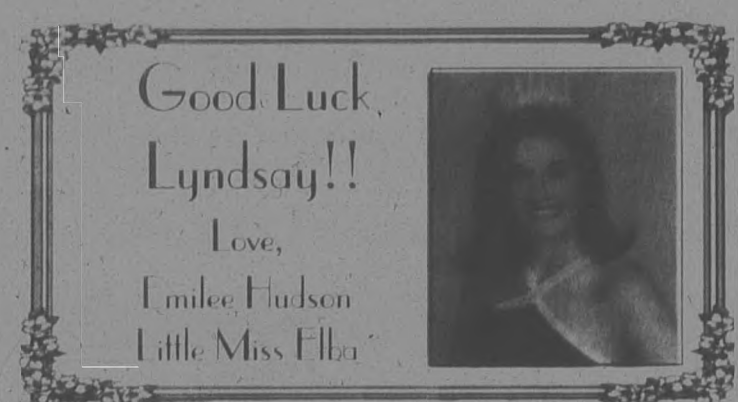
BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

The Elba National Guard recently got the word that several members of the unit were going on active duty . . . to Iraq. While we are sure there is some concern for the unknown, the face they are projecting to the public is "This is what we train for every month." Our prayers are with these men and women as they go forth to do their part in protecting the world from terrorists who care nothing for a human life . . . theirs, ours nor those of our little children. Those who tend to be openly negative of what our American troops are doing had now better mute their comments a bit more. Many of us already strongly defend the efforts of America's finest and as I get more and more personal with Coffee County citizens, the chance of getting a slap, a broken nose or a strong tongue lashing increases.

It is getting closer and closer to the date for county, state and national elections. November 2nd is just around the corner. Reportedly there are still a large number of voters out there who haven't decided on their presidential candidate. We accept that it is easy to find fault with each of the two major candidates, but get with it folks, make a decision soon . . . (or just follow our lead and vote for George W.).

Alabama voters need to also get informed about the batch of constitutional amendments on the ballot this year. It is best to do your own reading, as some weird reasons to vote for (or against) some of the amendments are already floating around. Even after rereading and rereading, we can't see the bigger in the one designed to clean out the old segregation wording from the public education amendment. It is ugly to think, but there is fear this negative stuff about Amendment 2 was started as a smoke screen by a few diehards who are still dreaming of "separate but equal" public schools.

We plan to review all the amendments next week before the election, but still like to see voters studying them on their own. There will be a few short words explaining what the amendment does and then our yes or no voting plans. Several deal only with particular counties and as always we don't feel they are none of our business in Coffee County. If those folks want the change, we plan to stay out of their way and let 'em do it!



## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, investigated the following incidents: three for harassment, two for criminal mischief, two car bites, one theft of property, one resisting arrest, three for possession of marijuana, one possession of a controlled substance, one controlled substance found, one theft of services, one death investigation, one criminal trespassing and one child unattended.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear, one for failure to pay, one for resisting arrest, two for possession of marijuana and one for criminal trespassing.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for not wearing a seat belt, one for an expired license, two for no proof of insurance and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, OCT. 11** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2801 Old Curtis Rd. (2:13 p.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to 2805 Taylor Mill Road (8:20 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, OCT. 12** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10733 Hwy. 141 (5:48 p.m.). Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1299 Ann St. (6:25 a.m.). Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 14** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a 2-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N. (6:10 a.m.). River stage - 6.59 feet (7:02 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4963 Hwy. 125 (8:09 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (10:12 a.m.).

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Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford will compete in the Miss National Peanut Festival pageant this weekend in Dothan. Preliminaries will be Friday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m., and Finals will be Saturday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Dothan Civic Center.

## HUDSON

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at the civic center made her nervous in the beginning, but she quickly relaxed as she realized there were a lot of Elba fans there to support her.

"I definitely had a lot of fans, like maybe a hundred," she said. "I heard Momma, she was probably the loudest one. They all helped me relax a lot and made me smile more."

Emilye's mom, Michelle Hudson, said she was probably most excited about her daughter being named the interview winner because all 57 contestants participated in that portion of the contest.

Most likely, a little quick wit on Hudson's part went a long way in helping her achieve that honor.

When asked what she wanted to be when she grows-up, Emilye said her response was "to be an Ultrasound Technician like my momma." She said the best thing about that job is the clothes are called scrubs but look more like pajamas to her.

Also, when asked what her favorite food is, Emilye quickly answered, "My grandma cooks the best cornbread in the whole world!"

Looking back, Hudson said she enjoyed being a part of the Little Miss National Peanut Festival pageant because it is something a lot of little girls do not get to do, but she is one of the few that did.

She said she wanted to thank everyone that supported her, especially her parents. She also

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## Elba band members represented community well at Opp contest

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I attended the Little Big Horn Marching Band Contest in Opp last Saturday afternoon with the intentions of simply showing my support for the Elba High School band students, but as the day progressed, I soon realized I was witnessing a news-worthy event.

Time and time again, the band members delivered good performances, and it was no surprise that they delivered another Saturday afternoon.

Elba's band program has a rich tradition of hardwork and dedication. That tradition continued last weekend as the current band members added many more accomplishments to the program's history.

Although everyone knew the band was capable of every accomplishment it achieved that day, no one went to the contest expecting it to happen.

It was a great night for the Elba band program, and one I hope the students enjoy for many years to come.

Now, the focus has shifted to Saturday's contest at Ashford High School, and no one knows what the outcome will be that evening. However, one thing is for sure, as long as the students continue to do their best, they will represent Elba the same way they have in the past, as winners.

Again, thank you Class of '54 for your support and concern for this school system and its students.

Sincerely,  
Danny W. Weeks  
Superintendent

Hello Ferrin,  
It is with great pleasure that I peruse my Elba Clipper each week. I spent many happy years in that sleepy little town and was a 1949 graduate of Elba High. Recently the class held their 55th reunion. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, however, I would greatly appreciate the "Clipper" printing a group picture of the event. Incidentally, I always enjoy your editorials - keep up the good work!

Wishing you and your family along with all of the Elba "folks" the best!  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

On behalf of the Elba City Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Class of 1954 for their generous donation to the Elba City Schools. I enjoyed meeting and talking with members of this class at their "Golden Reunion." It is certainly easy to see why they are such a very special group of graduates.

I can truly say that after fifty years this class still has a very special place for the alma mater in their hearts. With support such as this it is easy to see why Elba has such a rich history of quality education in this community. I was also proud to see many other classes in attendance at the football game. In fact, the game was a sell out.

It is our desire to continue the rich tradition of providing a high quality education for the students we serve at present and in the future.

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I'm tired of mind-altering drugs being forced upon many of our school children. If they fall asleep during school hours and have to repeat a few grades, then who's to blame? Of course, they can drop out of school at the age of 16 or graduate when they are 20. What a dream (or an act) of "No Child Left Behind." Some of these drugs may cause modesty God forbid there should be any "frivolous" lawsuits to protect the innocent.

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Power and money has created a very powerful influence during the present administration, and has created some of the mental values of a very likable president, therefore I'm voting against this type of control.

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## Obituaries

## MARY AGNES MACK

Mrs. Mary Agnes (Harden) Mack, age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 2004 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ben Amlog and Rev. Fred Fowler officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Melba Hollinghead, Elba, Ala.; and Sierra Vista, Ariz.; two sons: Chuck Mack, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Gary Judah, Milton, Fla.; three sisters: Inez Watson, Haines City, Fla.; Martha Wilson, Geneva, Ala.; Bertha Ellis, Elba; three brothers: James Harden, Opp, Ala.; Johnnie B. Harden, Tampa, Fla.; and Charles Harden, Elba.

CHARLIE EVANS  
Mr. Charlie Evans, age 82, of Coffee County died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004.

Funeral services were held Oct. 16, 2004 at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church of Enterprise, Ala. with Rev. Dr. V. J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed at Meadowlawn Perpetual Cemetery of Enterprise with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Eula Evans; four children: Roger (Lynn) Evans, Fla.; Starla (Jerry) Clinkscales, Ind.

RUTH BELCHER  
Mrs. Ruth Belcher, age 94, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, October 10, 2004.

Funeral services were held Oct. 15, 2004 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. A. R. Williams officiating. Burial followed at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband: Grady T. Barefoot, Elba; two sons: James Tommy (Pat) Barefoot, Kinston, Ala.; Tony (Janet) Barefoot, Enterprise, Ala.; two daughters: Linda (Bill) Sweeney, Leesville, La.; Judy (Wayne) Meeks, New Brockton; two brothers: William H. Crocker, Damascus, Ala.; David Coy Johnston.

death by two sons, three grandsons, four brothers, two sisters and a great-granddaughter.

Survivors include six daughters: Martha Rowe, Betty Burks, Mable (Ronnie) Hammond, Mildred (Junior) Kelley, Hazel Belcher and Maxine Wilkinson; three sons: Robert Belcher Jr., Danny (Shirley) Belcher, Foy Johnnie (Ruth) Belcher, all of Elba; 48 grandchildren and a host of great-great-grandchildren.

GLADYS J. BAREFOOT  
Mrs. Gladys J. Barefoot, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004 at Flowers Funeral in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, 2004 at the New Brockton First Baptist Church with Rev. Henry Johnson and Rev. Chad Hixon officiating. Burial followed in the Richburg Cemetery in New Brockton, Ala. with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Barefoot was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Barefoot, and a grandson, Scott Sweeney.

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# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
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## EHS Student Spotlight

by Ashley Gibson

This week's student spotlight shines on Alison Smith. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Dennis and Jan Smith.

Alison is a senior this year and is a part of the EHS Marching Tiger Band color guard where she serves as auxiliary captain. She also is involved in several clubs including Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta and VICA.

In her spare time, Alison enjoys hanging out and talking with friends, mud riding and cheering on the Elba Tigers through their victories and defeats. She is also employed at Elba General Hospital where she works in the Medical Records department.



Alison Smith

Alison describes herself as free spirited, easygoing, strong willed, and very independent. After high school, Alison plans to attend Troy University and acquire a degree in the field of her choice.



**VICA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS** (by Ashley Gibson). The following officers of EHS Vocational Industrial Clubs of America will lead the members in new activities for the 2004-05 school year. President - Rebecca English, Vice President - Arrian Bowers, Secretary - Lance Suttley, Treasurer - Brittany Hudson, Reporter - Ashton Grimes (not pictured), Parliamentarian - Ashley Walden. The sponsor of VICA is Donald Lawford.

## EES selects Student Council Officers and Representatives

by Kayla Kelley

This year, 15 eager faces, four ready-for-action officers and one enthusiastic leader will represent the Elba Elementary School Student Government Association.

Mrs. Lynn Baker will be the sponsor for this year's group and will be assisted by the 2004-2005 officers. The officers include: Bethany Wilson, president; Lindsey Carnley, vice-president; Selma Dodd, secretary; and Xavier Rogers, treasurer. The representatives for the 2004-2005 school year are as follows: 3rd grade - Logan Bailey, Morgan Matthews, Ward Brunson and Kaleb Richards; 4th grade - Nathan Miller, Brinley Williams and Harley Williams; 5th grade - Tyler Anderson, Thomas Cole, Jaron Kelley and Sage Kelley; 6th grade - Chastity Slenker, Keyavone Gavin, William Petty and Kendall Cole.

These outstanding third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders

have great plans for the upcoming year. As of right now, the students begin their morning duty by managing a pencil store at the elementary school, announcing the thought for the day or saying the pledge.

This, however, is not all these young leaders do.

During the month of October, the organization plans to help with the local Fall Festival and Pumpkins on the Square. In

November, the members are planning to carry out a canned food drive and participate in the Veteran's Day Program and the Elba Christmas Festival and Parade.

These are only a few objectives this selected few plans to accomplish. They have many more aspirations for the entire school year.

Thanks to these influential students, Elba Elementary will

be able to be represented well. Congratulations to all who were chosen and have a great year!



2004-05 Elba Elementary School Student Council Officers and Representatives

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder



This week's co-op spotlight is Arrian Bowers. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Buddy and Renita Bowers.

Arrian is employed at Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She does basic secretary work such as filing papers, answering phone calls and typing newsletters.

Arrian is an active member of EFCLA, CCA, FCS, SGA and VICA. She attends Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Arrian loves hanging out with friends, going to the mall and watching lots of movies.

**2004-05 Tiger Times Editors:** Amber Hudson, Dale White, Molly McGuire and Kayla Parks

## Upcoming Events

**\*\*JOIN US FOR LUNCH!!** Parents are invited to join the Elba Elementary School students for lunch during the week of Oct. 18. October is "NO PARENT LEFT BEHIND MONTH" in the state of Alabama. Please be sure to check your student's calendars for correct dates.

**\*\*ATTENTION VETERANS.** Elba High School invites any Veteran residing in Elba or having attended Elba High School to join in Elba High School's annual Veteran's Day Program. The program will be held Nov. 10 to 10 a.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. Those interested in joining in the recognition of America's heroes, please respond by calling Elba High School by Nov. 1st.

## Tiger kickoff return brings national attention to Elba High

by Kayla Kelley

What has Elba ever done to become famous? The answer lies in the air of Channel One's Play of the Week viewed Friday, Oct. 1, 2004.

The play entitled, "Going the Distance," was the 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown during the Elba Tigers game against the Houston Academy Raiders, and the segment was broadcast nationally to the 12,000 American middle, junior and high schools supporting the prestigious Channel One Network.

Channel One News is a daily, televised, 12-minute newscast that is televised during the school year. This learning community features breaking news and in-depth issues that affect the world, the nation and specifically, America's teenagers. It is truly a great way to get teenagers involved and aware

of what is going on around them.

Elba Coach Wynn Grimes sent in the play, where it was judged on the uniqueness and ability to demonstrate good athletic ability.

Prizes for winning the Play of the Week include a Gatorade sports bag with a hand towel and water bottle. For submitting the entrant, Coach Grimes will receive a 5-gallon cooler and case of Gatorade power drink mix.

This might not be the fame-

ty many Elba natives are looking for, but anyone can help in the fight for stardom after winning the Play of the Week.

A Play of the Month is selected from the chosen Play of the Week winner for that specified month. Visitors to ChannelOne.com will have the

## Did You Know?...

by Judson Vaughan

As you all know, Elba High School is home to many exciting and interesting people. One of the most peculiar is probably Mrs. Amelia Rhoades.

Mrs. Rhoades is the Varsity Volleyball coach and in 1998 coached the North/South All-Star game in Montgomery, Ala. which oddly enough is home to the reigning 2004 Miss America.

Deidre Downs is from Pelham,

Ala. and was truly an inspiration to Mrs. Rhoades as well as to her teammates.

Mrs. Rhoades told us that, "She was such a vibrant person and a people person at that."

Amazing isn't it, the Miss America pageant is a highly respected, and prestigious pageant that some people only dream of participating in, and just like that we have a teacher that worked hands on with our very own Queen.



Elba High School kicked off its annual magazine sales Thursday, Oct. 14. Magazines will be sold by the Class of 2006 from Oct. 14 until Nov. 2 in order to raise money for the 2005 Jr./Sr. prom. Anyone wanting to purchase a magazine and did not get contacted by a junior class member, please call Elba High School at 897-2266 or 897-2267. The desired quota for this year's sale is \$17,000 and the junior class members ask for the support of the community in this effort. Let's GET FARRER UP FOR MAGAZINES!!! Pictured is Junior Sponsor Kathy Pattie and Magazine Sale Representative Ronnie Mendheim.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Katie Cash)... What do you mean? We have to pay?

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BAND

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He said the trophies from Opp were displayed Monday only at school. After that, they were removed from sight, and the talk of Opp disappeared.

"We can't dwell on past accomplishments," Ellis said. "It's a whole new week with a whole new contest. We need to stay humble and work on what we know are our weaknesses."

He said there is always the fear that the Ashford contest will not go as well as Opp, but anything that happens Saturday will be Saturday and should not take away from the past.

"We did not go to Opp with any intention to win anything," Ellis said. "We always strive to do our best. It's not about what we did. It's about what we do

that day."

He said his goal has always been to teach children to develop self-esteem and confidence to become more productive citizens.

"Glory fades, but lessons learned last a lifetime," said Ellis.

On Saturday, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will participate in a band contest at Ashford High School, and Ellis said this contest will feature more big bands than smaller bands.

Elba is scheduled to play at 4:45 p.m., and it is competing against Carroll of Ozark, Moseley of Panama City and T.R. Miller.

All Elba supporters are

encouraged to make the trip to support the band students.

"I don't know of any band program that has better support from parents and the community than Elba," Ellis said. "Playing music is an emotional thing, and I feel sure hearing the fans scream helps the students."

The bands from Zion Chapel High School and New Brockton High School also participated in the Little Big Horn contest last Saturday with each program representing its school well.

The Zion Chapel Rebel Band received superior ratings for its drum major, colorguard, percussion and band while the New Brockton Gamecock band received superior ratings for drum major and percussion section.



The Elba High School band members, parents and other supporters gathered on the field last Saturday evening following the awards ceremony of the Little Big Horn marching contest. The band delivered a wonderful performance earlier in the day that brought them best in class honors for drum major, majorettes, colorguard, danceline, percussion and band in Class AAA. The band's drum majors also took home the Mallory Award. According to contest officials, it is a rare accomplishment for a band to receive a clean sweep of the best in class awards, as well as, receiving the Mallory Award.



Danceline members perform to the upbeat tune "Hey, Pachuco." The danceline also received best in class honors.



The percussion section members celebrate their best in class award.



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Head majorette Kayla Kelley was all smiles as she accepted the Best in Class award for the majorette section.

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Band



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# SPORTS



Elba Tiger volleyball player Whitney Lawford serves during a recent win. The Tigers swept Samson and Andalusia last week to close out the regular season with an 11-6 record.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

## Elba Tigers coast past Samson and Andalusia

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season in volleyball last week and posted impressive wins over Samson and Andalusia to improve their record to 11-6 on the season.

Following are highlights of both wins.

### ELBA TIGERS POST HOME WIN OVER SAMSON

The Elba Tigers posted two wins early and bounced back from a game three loss to defeat Samson 25-11, 25-15, 22-25 and 25-22 last Tuesday afternoon. Elba Whitney Lawford recorded 21 service points, 10 service aces, 8 consecutive serves, 6 kills and 1 block to lead the Tigers to the win, while Lyndsay Lawford added 22 service points and 6 kills. Ashleigh Waddell had 11 kills and 1 block, while Kendall Stinson had 11 assists, Mallory Allen had 9 assists and Kristen Barnes had 5 digs.

"This was a big area win for the Tigers and was also a time for the team to take a look into the status level," stated Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades. "It was a time for us to know and look at individual players in preparation for the last match and the area tournament." The series are Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, Lyndsay Lawford and Yolanda Reynolds, and this last home match was a great accomplishment for these four young ladies. They have played many hours inside the walls of this Tiger gym and it was a great way to close out their home careers. Yolanda Reynolds stated after the match how proud she was that the team won its first match at home, and 20 years because this team has really improved throughout their high school years. I have learned to love and appreciate each member of this team."

### ELBA TIGERS POST ROAD WIN OVER ANDALUSIA

The Elba Tigers had to battle for one final Thursday afternoon in Andalusia to post a 25-17, 24-21, 23-25 and 25-18 win over the Andalusia Bulldogs. Kendall Stinson recorded 22 service points, 7 service aces and 16 assists to lead the Tigers, while Lyndsay Lawford added 22 service points, 10 consecutive serves and 9 kills. Whitney Lawford had 8 service aces, 10 consecutive serves and 1 block, while Yolanda Reynolds had 8 consecutive serves. Ashleigh Waddell had 16 kills and 1 block, Mallory Allen had 13 assists and Kristen Barnes had 5 digs.

"In the second game the Tigers were down by eight points when Whitney Lawford stepped to the service line and got the job done by serving point 15-24," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades. "I was really impressed by the team's ability to fight hard in this situation. The team provided better on the court in the win over Andalusia that it has all year and it was a great accomplishment for the Tigers in preparation for the area tournament."

## REGION RACES ....

### CLASS 2A, REGION 2 ....

Teams	Record	Region Record	Region games left
Cottonwood	(5-2)	4-1	Wicksburg, Houston Academy
Houston County	(6-1)	4-1	Houston Academy, Wicksburg
Houston Academy	(4-3)	4-1	Houston County, Cottonwood
Geneva County	(3-4)	3-2	New Brockton, Elba
Elba	(2-5)	2-3	Samson, Geneva County
New Brockton	(4-3)	2-3	Geneva County, Samson
Wicksburg	(1-6)	1-4	Cottonwood, Houston County
Samson	(2-5)	0-5	Elba, New Brockton

### CLASS 1A, REGION 2 ....

Brantley	(7-0)	5-0	McKenzie, Arton
Arton	(7-0)	5-0	Pleasant Home, Brantley
Floral	(4-3)	3-2	Goshen, Kinston
Zion Chapel	(2-5)	2-3	Kinston, McKenzie
Goshen	(3-4)	2-3	Floral, Pleasant Home
Pleasant Home	(2-5)	2-3	Arton, Goshen
Kinston	(1-6)	1-4	Zion Chapel, Floral
McKenzie	(1-6)	0-5	Brantley, Zion Chapel

## Elba to host Samson in must win region match-up

The Elba Tigers can take another giant step toward a berth in the state high school football playoffs Friday night when they host the Samson Tigers, in a "must win" region clash at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

Elba will carry a 2-5 record into the clash, but more important is the fact the Tigers own a 2-3 region record and know that wins in their final two region games will give the Tigers the #4 spot in the region standings and a berth in the playoffs.

"This team has refused to quit and has now put itself in position to make the state playoffs with wins in its final two games," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "After its 0-5 start it would have been easy to just go through the motions and get the season over with, but these players have never quit working and there's straight wins are right back in the playoff picture. It is a credit to the players and their dedication to the program, and the next step will come Friday night against Samson."

Samson will enter Friday night's region clash with a 2-5 record and stands 0-5 in the region, but first year Coach Eddie Stephenson and his team knows that a win Friday night over the Tigers will knock Elba out of the playoffs and there is no doubt Coach Stephenson will have his team ready to play the role of spoiler.

"One of the first things I noticed when I got here was our strength level was down and that is what we worked on all summer," stated Coach Stephenson in a preseason interview. "Our goal was to get our strength and endurance up, and strength and conditioning is the catalyst to our future. We are trying to get the players to realize that you can be anything you dream to be and so can this football team. We haven't set any lofty goals or anything like that, we just want to try to make the playoffs."

The strength of the team early in the season has been the play of its linebackers, where Samson returned three of its four starters from a year ago. Seniors Dustin Wise, Daniel Monk and Lucas Edson all return, while the fourth member of the quartet is Shawn Jones, a transfer from Enterprise.

"The linebackers are our strong point," added Coach Stephenson, a former assistant at Citronelle. "We have four solid guys there and their technique is getting better every day and their intensity and leadership is starting to show."

On offense, Samson is led by quarterback Justin Tisdale, a 5-9, 175-pound sophomore, along with Lucas Edson, a 5-9, 190-pound senior. Jones and Wise are also starting players on the offensive side of the ball, and give Samson a solid foundation on which to build and improve.

Samson opened the season with a surprising 15-12 win over 2A power Georgiana and later added a 35-6 win over Kinston, while losing to Wicksburg 33-20, Houston County 28-6, Houston Academy 27-3, Geneva County 41-20 and Cottonwood 39-0.

"Samson has a goal that it is just wanting for something good to happen," added Coach Rials, "and they are very capable of coming in here Friday night and knocking us out of the playoff picture. Samson has a good quarterback that knows how to run the option and he has the speed and smarts to break a run for a big gain every time he touches the football. They have struggled at times and got shut out last week, but they scored 35 points in a win over Kinston and also scored 20 points, against both Geneva County and Wicksburg. Samson has the ability to drive the football and put points on the scoreboard, and they will provide our defense with a true test Friday night. Samson has had problems over on defense and gave up a lot of points the last two weeks, but they held both Houston County and Houston Academy to four touchdowns, which is something we failed to do. Samson won't back down on defense and will play aggressive on every play."

"Samson has nothing to lose and would like nothing better than to get a region win Friday night and to knock us out of the playoffs," said Coach Rials. "A win Friday night would help them forget the losses and be a huge step forward heading into the off-season. We know Samson will come to town excited and looking for a win, and we will not be ready to play if we are going to get a win and keep our playoff hopes alive."

"On offense," said Coach Rials, "we will need to be effective both running and passing and not make mistakes. Last week we lost a fumble inside the one-yardline that cost us a touchdown, made a penalty that cost us another touchdown and fumbled a play that almost led to a Wicksburg touchdown. Our mistakes kept the game close last week and against a good team those kind of mistakes can get you beat. We have to use our speed and quickness since those are our biggest two assets, but at the same time we need to protect the football and get points when we get the chance to score. Against Samson we will need to be balanced on offense and put pressure on their defense. We need to be effective on every play and not have any lapses that can lead to drives bogging down. On defense we will have our hands full with their quarterback and their option and will have to tackle well and play smart. Samson won't do anything fancy, but they will play smart and will try and sustain drives to control the clock and the tempo of the game. Our defense will need to play hard on every play and not give up the big play that can lead to points. This is the biggest game of the season for us because it is a game we must win to make the playoffs, and we must play it with a lot of intensity because of what is at stake."

Begame festivities will begin at 7:15 with the dedication of the field to former Elba coach Mack Wood, and all Elba Tiger fans are encouraged to arrive early and salute Elba's all-time winningest coach.



Elba JV Tiger Kayla Kyser volleys a ball back over the net with her back turned to her opposition as teammate Anna Petty (10) watches. The JV Tigers posted a 13-5 record this season.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

## Elba JV Tigers wrap up season with 13-5 record

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers posted two wins last week on the volleyball court to close out the season with 12 wins in their last 13 matches and finished the season with a record of 13-5.

Following are highlights of last week's action.

### ELBA JV TIGERS POST HOME WIN OVER SAMSON

The Elba JV Tigers rolled to a straight set win over Samson last Tuesday afternoon as they posted wins 25-13 and 25-17. Anna Petty recorded 7 service points, 4 kills, 3 assists and 1 dig to lead the Tigers, while Melanie Mularz added 6 kills and 3 digs. Jenae Wilson added 10 service points and 4 consecutive serves. Clara Burrows had 3 service aces and 6 consecutive serves and April Finmore had 3 assists.

"What a match," said Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades. "The Junior Varsity Tigers played with confidence and drive and served the ball when he retired. However, Friday night that wrong will be corrected when the field at Tiger Stadium will be named 'Mack Wood Field.' Coach Wood led Elba to a total of 150 wins over his career at Elba High and made the Tigers one of the state's most feared teams regardless of classification. He has been inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame and into the Wiegars Sports Hall of Fame, and this week will forever become a part of Elba Tiger football history when a sign naming the field in his honor will be unveiled prior to the game against Samson. The honor is long overdue for this coach that led Elba to so many memorable victories over his career, and I hope it will be one that Coach Wood will always cherish. It should be quite a night for all Elba Tigers and one they should all share with Coach Wood."

### ELBA JV TIGERS POST ROAD WIN OVER ANDALUSIA

The Elba JV Tigers closed out the season with a 13-5 record by rolling to a big 25-11, 25-12 win over Andalusia. Thursday afternoon in Andalusia, Melanie Mularz recorded 4 service aces, 6 kills and 4 digs to lead the Tigers, while Anna Petty added 12 service points, 8 consecutive serves and 6 assists. Jenae Wilson had 12 service points, 6 service aces and 2 blocks, while April Finmore had 4 assists.

"The season ended for the JV Tigers with a super win over 4A Andalusia," said Coach Rhoades. "The dedication and pride of this squad is unique and the Tigers were always ready to play when they hit the court. I have truly enjoyed coaching this team and they did a great job!"

## State hunters are encouraged to bring new hunters into outdoors

Introduce someone to hunting in Outdoor Alabama and you could both be winners!

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is launching an exciting new mentoring campaign.

"Hunt Outdoor Alabama - Share the Wonder!" Designed to involve current hunters, the program will open the doors of opportunity to future hunters of all ages. Resident Alabama hunters may sign up to indicate their willingness and intention to mentor a specific person this hunting season.

This project is supported by the 2004 Hunting Heritage Partnership, a grant program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. Administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Hunt Outdoor Alabama Campaign is also supported by numerous hunting organizations.

It takes a hunter to make a hunter. Hunt Outdoor Alabama challenges you to pass along Alabama's rich hunting heritage. Along with the satisfaction of introducing another person to the hunting experience, participants who complete the program will become eligible for wonderful prizes such as hunting trips, weekend

getaways, and more.

Register now! There is no cost involved, and on-line registration makes it easy. Hunters register at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com) by filling out and submitting the brief mentor registration questionnaire before January 31, 2005. Each hunter is then sent an email with an assigned Mentor ID number, guest registration instructions and a link to the guidelines of the Hunt Outdoor Alabama campaign.

After the hunting trip, the guest goes online with the mentor's ID number, and submits his guest registration, which includes personal and survey information as requested by the on-screen questionnaire. The guest will also be asked to share details of the hunting experience. Guest registration must be completed by Friday, February 4, 2005. The mentor will receive notification when the guest has completed the registration.

Prize winners will be selected by random drawing from eligible participants on February 14, 2005. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email. Prizes and awards are listed on the Department's website.

Details of the campaign and registration information are available at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The wild month at the Mularz house continued last week as Mom had to report to a Dothan hospital at 5:00 AM Friday morning for out-patient surgery and then Saturday morning we all had to get up early as our youngest had to be at school at 7:00 AM to get on the bus for a trip to a volleyball tournament. While Mom made it home Friday afternoon a little sore, but with a good medical report, the volleyball team wasn't as lucky, as it lost four matches and came home with its feelings hurting from the four straight defeats. I know one thing, if the girls ask me what I want for Christmas I will answer a nice soft pillow!

### ELBA TIGERS KEEP PLAYOFF HOPES ALIVE

The Elba Tigers went to Wicksburg last week knowing that wins in their final three region games would get them into the state playoffs, and they made it past the first test with flying colors after disposing of the out-manned Panthers 34-7 in a game that wasn't even as close as the lopsided score might indicate. Elba had chances to blow the game open early, but had a touchdown nullified by a penalty late in the half and then fumbled away a sure score early in the third quarter after moving to a first down inside the one-yardline. While the Tigers were far from perfect, they did take care of business and now have two region games ahead and still know that if they win them both they will make the playoffs.

The Elba offense suffered two major mistakes in the win that cost them two touchdowns, but still rolled up over 450 yards in total offense for an average of over 10 yards every time they snapped the football. The Tigers rushed for 274 yards on 27 carries, an average of over 10 yards per carry, and completed nine of fifteen passes for 178 yards, an average of almost twenty yards per reception. The offense had two touchdowns rushing and two more through the air, which is about as balanced as it gets.

The Elba defense didn't shine as brightly as it did in its big win over New Brockton, but surrendered only one touchdown for the second straight week and scored a touchdown of its own on a pass interception. Wicksburg did move the ball and had first downs at the Elba 39 and 33 in the first half and were turned away empty handed, then in the second half were turned back after they had driven to a first down at the Elba 11-yardline. The Tigers bent quite a few times in the win, but refused to break, and allowed only one touchdown to a team that did have quite a few offensive weapons.

I know that a win is a win and that last week's win kept the Tigers alive in their hunt for a playoff berth, but the thing that I noticed that bothered me the most was the fact the players seemed to take the win for granted. True, Wicksburg had won only once over the past two seasons, but Elba entered the game with a 1-5 record and that should not make any team over-confident. Elba has the chance to turn the season around in the coming weeks and make the playoffs. However, if they play the next two games with the same attitude they had Friday night they could fall short of that goal and be left wondering what went wrong.

### FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE SPECIAL FOR COACH WOOD

Back ten years ago when Coach Mack Wood retired after being the head football coach at Elba High School for 18 years, he left as the winningest football coach ever in the rich history of Elba Tiger football and as the coach that led the Tigers to four state title games and two state championships. He got little more than a pat on the back when he retired. However, Friday night that wrong will be corrected when the field at Tiger Stadium will be named "Mack Wood Field." Coach Wood led Elba to a total of 150 wins over his career at Elba High and made the Tigers one of the state's most feared teams regardless of classification. He has been inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame and into the Wiegars Sports Hall of Fame, and this week will forever become a part of Elba Tiger football history when a sign naming the field in his honor will be unveiled prior to the game against Samson. The honor is long overdue for this coach that led Elba to so many memorable victories over his career, and I hope it will be one that Coach Wood will always cherish. It should be quite a night for all Elba Tigers and one they should all share with Coach Wood."

### AREA PREP TEAMS STRUGGLE ON GRIDIRON

Last week's high school football games are now in the books and for area teams it was not the best of weeks as only the Brantley Bulldogs were able to pull out a win. Here is a quick look back at last week's results.

\*\*\* NEW BROCKTON (4-3) - The Gamecocks suffered a 17-7 region loss to Houston Academy, but played with a lot of heart and emotion after losing the week before in their first-ever meeting with cross-county rival Elba. Coach Shannon Clark and his troops battled for all four quarters and kept the high-powered Raiders in check for most of the night, but two scores late in the first half spelled doom for the Gamecocks and left them needing some help to make the post-season party.

\*\*\* BRANTLEY (7-0) - The Bulldogs scored almost at will in their 71-26 romp past Pleasant Home and once again left no doubts that they are the team to beat in the 1A ranks in South Alabama. Brantley did surrender over 300 yards through the air against the pass-happy Eagles, but came up with seven interceptions and the outcome of the game was never in doubt. The Bulldogs still have two very tough games left, and it will be those games that their fans remember and not the easy wins of recent weeks.

\*\*\* ZION CHAPEL (2-5) - The Rebels saw their two-game region winning streak snapped in a 49-14 setback to unbeaten Arton and lost four starters to ejections after a fight broke out early in the third quarter. Any time Zion Chapel and Arton get together in any sport there is bad blood, but now is the time for the Rebels to put the game behind them and for them to regroup and rededicate themselves. The Rebels are two wins away from a trip to the playoffs, and that has to be their source of focus.

\*\*\* KINSTON (1-6) - The Bulldogs fell flat in a 40-6 loss to Goshen and many of their fans felt the "Dogs gave up as the score began to get out of hand. The Bulldogs have had their share of struggles this season and are more than a little disappointed after losing six of seven games, but the Bulldogs must keep working hard and play to win every time they take the field. One night they may get some of those bad breaks that have haunted them and when they do they will be ready to jump.

### SEVENTH WEEK OF SEASON FILLED WITH BIG GAMES

The seventh week of the high school football season has now come and gone and it was quite a week filled with some very big games. Here are just a few.

\*\*\* Pike County felt like it had been slighted by state sports writers prior to last week's game since the defending state champs were 5-1 and were also unranked, while T.R. Miller was 6-0 and ranked #1, even though the Bulldogs had won four straight games over the Tigers from Brewton. I guess that talk is now over since T.R. Miller blasted the Bulldogs 52-27 and made it clear that this is the season the Tigers have plans to add to their collection of state titles. Coach

# SPORTS

Grant has done a remarkable job rebuilding Pike County after losing his entire team to graduation, but an easy schedule may have given the Bulldogs a false sense of just how good they really were.

\*\*\* Enterprise rebounded from two straight losses to rip Opelika 28-7 and now all of the sudden are right back in the hunt for a home field advantage in the state playoffs. The Wildcats were more than a little over-rated after some early-season wins over less than spectacular opponents, but now may be back on track and should be able to lock down a first round home game with two wins in the coming weeks. The Wildcats just have to remember that the only game that counts is the one they are getting ready to play and forget what their fans might say.

\*\*\* Andalusia moved to 5-0 in region play with a 19-13 win over Choctaw County and may have the best 5-2 team in the state no one seems to know anything about. While it is true the Bulldogs still have region games left with two powers in UMS-Wright and Thomasville, they have already wrapped up a berth in the state playoffs and it looks like the Bulldogs are back on track after some lean years. Hey, I know, some of the players coming up and I can assure the best is yet to come.

\*\*\* Stanhope Elmore followed up its 17-0 win over 5A power Eufula with a 21-0 win over 5A power Charles Henderson and there can now be little doubt the Mustangs are back and ready to roll. The Mustangs have fallen on hard times in recent years by their own high standards. However, after the past two weeks there is no doubt this team is for real and may be a team to keep an eye on as the playoffs get started.

\*\*\* Straughn had anything but an easy time down in East Brewton as the Tigers escaped with a narrow 16-15 win over the struggling Eagles. Straughn has been dominant at times this season and many felt the Bulldogs were a true 3A contender, but the narrow win last week took some of the luster off the Tigers' fast start and this week could be the test that proves just how good they really are when they battle Pike County. Things are getting interesting in 3A circles.

\*\*\* Opp kept its slim playoff hopes alive with a wild 35-29 region win over St. James and the Bobcats fans have to be wondering just what Bobcat team will show up on Friday nights when they take the field. The Bobcats made some big news early and were on top of the world after a big win over Daleville, but then dropped games to Geneva and Trinity and were given up for dead. At least we now know it is still a little early to write the Bobcats' obituary.

\*\*\* and, G.W. Long dropped its second region contest in three weeks with a shocking 27-12 loss to Marbury. The Rebels had run roughshod over all its region opponents prior to its lopsided loss to Lufkin, and now it appears the men from Skipperville may not be as good as many thought. One loss doesn't make or break a season. However, last week's loss cannot do anything good for the Rebels as the playoffs draw near.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Atlanta Braves bowed out of the post-season action in the first round last week and once again lost a fifth and deciding game on their home field. The Braves are one of the biggest winners ever in the major Leagues with 13 straight division titles, but at the same time are one of the Major League's biggest post-season failures. It is true the only game that really counts is the last one you played, the Braves are far from being successful.

I thought if Auburn was going to lose this season its best chance would have come last week against Arkansas. Well, the Tigers had little trouble rolling to a big win over the Hogs and now have to be a favorite on the board and possible play for a national title. It takes good players, good coaches and a little luck to win it all together. Georgia could be a small bump in the road, but the way these guys are playing it shouldn't knock Auburn off course.

\*\*\* Alabama exposed Southern Miss as the nation's weakest undefeated team in rolling past the Eagles 27-3. The Crimson Tide simply lined up and ran over the team. Head Bryant referred to as Mississippi Southern, and all of the sudden many of the Bama fans are whispering about making it to a bowl game. That may happen, but the Tide has some mighty tough games left on its schedule, and I will reserve judgment on Coach Saban and his troops until the season ends.

\*\*\* Troy University saw its bowl dreams vanish with a shocking loss to lowly Arkansas State and with LSU on the horizon the Trojans are now looking to gain some respect in the weeks to come. The wins over Marshall and Missouri are now simply memories of what had been, and the time has come for the Trojans to prove they are indeed a solid Division I program by beating the teams they are supposed to beat. Until then they will always be little more than a team to watch and a team that can pull off an upset once or twice a year.

### Reception set for 6:00 PM

## Former Elba Tiger head coach Mack Wood to be honored Friday night with dedication of field

Officials at Elba High School will honor the Elba Tiger head coach Mack Wood with a reception and a dedication of the field at 6:00 PM on Friday night prior to the Tigers' region contest against Samson when the field at Tiger Stadium will be named "Mack Wood Field."

Coach Wood will be honored with a reception from 6:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday night at the Elba High School Home Economics class and all former players, coaches, staff

members and friends are encouraged to drop by before the game and visit with the former coaching great. The festivities will move to the football field at 7:15 for the official naming of the field and the unveiling of the sign proclaiming "Mack Wood Field."

Coach Wood came to Elba High School in 1977 and inherited a football program that had won only sixteen games the previous four seasons. The Tigers posted a record of 6-4 in his first year at the helm, and followed that winning season with records of 8-2, 9-2 and 7-3, giving Coach Wood a total of 30 wins in his first four years as the head football coach at Elba High!

The Tigers posted their first undefeated season in thirty years in 1984 and advanced to the state championship game in both 1985 and 1986, only to settle for runner-up honors both seasons. Elba claimed its first state championship ever in 1979 when it won a school record 13 games, and repeated the feat in 1992 with a second state championship and another 13 win season.

During the seven year span from 1984 through 1990, Elba

was still shaking his head over Kinston's big loss to Goshen, Brantley's 71-point explosion in the Bulldogs' win over Pleasant Home and New Brockton coach Shannon Clark's statements in a neighboring newspaper about how his team's loss to Elba was an embarrassment to the school. The local guesstest hit on 24 of 28 picks last week, including T.R. Miller's win over Pike County, Enterprise's win over Opelika and Stanhope Elmore's win over Charles Henderson, and after seven weeks owns a 150-36 record for the season. Here are this week's picks...

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPSTERS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and was still shaking his head over Kinston's big loss to Goshen, Brantley's 71-point explosion in the Bulldogs' win over Pleasant Home and New Brockton coach Shannon Clark's statements in a neighboring newspaper about how his team's loss to Elba was an embarrassment to the school. The local guesstest hit on 24 of 28 picks last week, including T.R. Miller's win over Pike County, Enterprise's win over Opelika and Stanhope Elmore's win over Charles Henderson, and after seven weeks owns a 150-36 record for the season. Here are this week's picks...

### ELBA VS. SAMSON

The Pea River felines will take the field to battle a batch of cats from down river this week and once again it will be a must win game if the local felines hope to make a deep post-season plans. The kittens from down river will be wet and mad after the swim upstream and are more than capable of pulling off an upset. However, the guess here is that the black and gold felines will keep their playoff hopes alive and well and will send their visitors back down stream with more than a little fur missing.

### ELBA 27 SAMSON 14

### NEW BROCKTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Gamecocks don't have many feathers left after two straight region losses, but have more than enough strength to hitch hike down to Hartford and should be lean and mean when they hit the field for a must win game against a batch of mighty speedy Bulldogs. Brockton's birds will have to fly a little higher on offense to have a chance after scoring only twice in the last two outings and that might be hard since their feathers are few and far between.

### GENEVA COUNTY 22 NEW BROCKTON 20

### KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Road pups from down near the county line will head up the road for a homecoming date with the Rebels, and the troops from up around Jack may be in a bad mood after losing both the battle and the war last week in a big region clash. The pups struggled last week on the road and this week won't find their guests any more hospitable, even though there is a dance planned for after the game.

### ZION CHAPEL 20 KINSTON 12

### BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE

The "Dogs from up across the river feasted on bird last week and almost blew up the scoreboard in the process, and this week have invited a batch of kitties from just across the county line over to take part in homecoming. The kitties won't arrive in time for the parade, but the guess here is that the kitties are in the "Dogs plans for later that night. Start the dance early!"

### BRANTLEY 55 MCKENZIE 0

### OTHER PICKS:

Arton 48 Pleasant Home 26  
Floral 35 Goshen 18  
Leroy 29 Bayside 3  
Cottonwood 41 Wicksburg 7  
Red Level 40 Flomaton 8  
G.W. Long 28 Highland Home 20  
Houston County 35 Houston Academy 17  
Lufkin 27 Lanett 7  
Abbeville 22 Headland 21  
Slocomb 28 Dale County 14  
T.R. Miller 35 W.S. Neal 7  
Straughn 24 Pike County 13  
Thomasville 24 Andalusia 15  
Ashford 35 Bullock County 8  
Geneva 21 Daleville 7  
Opp 26 Rehobeth 6  
Trinity 31 St. James 10  
Charles Henderson 28 Carroll 7  
Eufula 17 Wetumpka 15  
Stanhope Elmore 24 B.T. Washington 6  
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## SPORTS



Elba Tiger LaRay Williams (5) heads for the endzone after pulling in a pass last week in the Tigers' 34-7 win over Wicksburg. Williams pulled in 3 catches for 89 yards and 2 touchdowns in the region win.



Elba Tiger Kikko Logan (2) looks for running room in last week's 34-7 region win over Wicksburg. Logan gained 136 yards on 8 carries and scored a touchdown in the big region win over the Panthers.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Whitney Anderson is excited as the Tigers pull away from Wicksburg. Elba will host Samson this week in a must win region match-up at Tiger Stadium.

## Stay alive in region race

## Elba Tigers coast past Panthers 34-7

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers journeyed to Wicksburg Friday night for a first-ever meeting with the Wicksburg Panthers, and kept their playoff hopes alive with an easy 34-7 win over the out-named Panthers, in a key region contest.

The win was the second straight for the Tigers and upped their record to 2-5, 2-3 in region play, while Wicksburg slipped to 1-6 with the loss, 1-4 in region action.

Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and promptly marched to the a first down at the Elba 39-yardline behind the running and pass receiving of freshman Jesse Armstrong. Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and promptly marched to the a first down at the Elba 39-yardline behind the running and pass receiving of freshman Jesse Armstrong. Wicksburg received the opening kickoff and promptly marched to the a first down at the Elba 39-yardline behind the running and pass receiving of freshman Jesse Armstrong.

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Elba's offense finally got the chance to take the field after an 8-yard run and a 20-yard reception to help the Panthers move across mid-field. However, disaster struck for Wicksburg on third down and 17 back at the Elba 46-yardline when freshman quarterback Blake Wallace lofted a screen pass in the middle of the Elba defense and Tiger tackle Jesse Thigpen intercepted the pass and raced untouched 51 yards for an Elba touchdown. Evan Tew kicked the extra-point and with 7:36 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 7-0.

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Wicksburg refused to fold after the Elba score and, once again began a drive toward the Elba endzone, only to once again fall short of its goal. Freshman quarterback Blake Wallace passed for 45 yards on the first two plays of the possession to give the Panthers a first down at the Elba 11-yardline, but the drive bogged down as it neared the endzone and on fourth down a pass from Wallace to Thomas Owen fell short of the chains as the Tigers turned back the scoring challenge.

Elba was 88 yards from the Wicksburg goal line after the defensive stand, but it made little difference to the Tigers as they covered the 88 yards in only five plays to add to their lead. A 12-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Reyman Rodgers helped move the chains early, while Ryan Gibbs bulled for 18 yards on two carries to help the Tigers' move out to near midfield. Kikko Logan put the wraps on the scoring drive on the next play with a 57-yard touchdown gallop, and even though the extra-point sailed wide, Elba was on top 34-7 with 5:39 remaining on the clock.

Elba's Bradley Bane recovered a Panther fumble to end the next Wicksburg possession, and the Tiger reserves killed the final three minutes of the clock as Hunter McGuire and Bobby Hudson had big gains as the Tigers easily held on and posted the 34-7 win.

Kikko Logan gained 136 yards on 8 carries and scored 1 touchdown to spark the Elba offense, while Brandon Kelley ran for 67 yards on 7 carries and scored one touchdown and also completed 9 of 15 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns. Ryan Gibbs added 55 yards on eight carries as the Tigers rushed for 274 yards on 27 carries, an average of over 10 yards per carry.

LaRay Williams caught 3 passes for 89 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the Elba receiving corp, while Mason Gully hauled in 3 passes for 38 yards and 1 assist. Carlos Aruz with 7 tackles and 1 assist, Ryan Gibbs with 6 tackles and Kaleb

Dyess with 5 tackles, 1 assist and a fumble recovery. Thomas Owen gained 86 yards on 17 carries to lead Wicksburg on the ground, while quarterback Blake Wallace connected on 7 of 10 passes for 101 yards.

## STATISTICS

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17	1st Downs	12
27-274	Rushes-Yds.	39-130
178	Passing Yds.	101
452	Total Offense	231
9-15-0	Passes	7-10-1
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
0-00	Punts-Ave.	2-34
3-25	Penalties-Yds.	2-10



Elba Tiger Jesse Thigpen (59) is off and running as he returns a pass interception 51 yards for a touchdown in last week's 34-7 win over Wicksburg.

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## SPORTS

## Falls to 2-3 in region race

## Brockton ambushed by Raiders 17-7

By Robby Kinsaul, Sports writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks suffered their second straight region defeat Friday night when they fell to the Houston Academy Raiders 17-7, in New Brockton.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 4-3, 2-3 in region play, while Houston Academy improved to 4-3 with the win and upped its region slate to 4-1.

Justin West gained 57 yards on just 5 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the New Brockton ground game, while Tanner Medley led the way on defense with 16 tackles and had help from Ted Eubanks, with six stops.

The Gamecocks scored the first touchdown of the game on their second possession to give the large New Brockton crowd an early reason to cheer. The Gamecocks converted on a fourth down and four play early in the drive on a 10-yard pass from Derrick Cook to Junior Magwood, and later converted on another long yardage situation when on third down and seven Cook returned to the air

and this time connected with Justin West for a gain down to the Houston Academy 2-yard-line. West scored on the next play to put the Gamecocks on the scoreboard, and Heath Danford kicked the extra-point as New Brockton grabbed a 7-0 lead with 8:43 remaining in the second quarter.

It didn't take the Raiders long to answer the New Brockton score, however, as Houston Academy's Domini Rich took a handoff and raced 60 yards on the Raiders next snap to light up the Houston Academy side of the scoreboard. Alex Burkette kicked the extra-point and with 8:21 left in the quarter the score was tied at 7-7.

Houston Academy's next possession ate up much of the second quarter, but the New Brockton defense rose up to stop the march and forced a Raider punt. The Gamecocks regained possession at their own 16-yardline. However, the possession didn't last for long as on New Brockton's first play Justin West was stripped of the football and the Raiders scooped up the fumble and rambled 17 yards into the endzone for a

touchdown. Burkette booted the extra-point and at the half the Raiders went in with a 14-7 advantage.

Houston Academy received the second half kickoff and put together another impressive drive. The New Brockton defense again rose to the challenge as the Raiders neared the Gamecock goal line, and this time the Raiders failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity as on fourth down Burkette's 30-yard field-goal try sailed wide left.

The Gamecock offense was backed up deep on its end of the field for the remainder of the half and couldn't get anything going, while Houston Academy did add three points to its total with 2:20 remaining in the game when Burkette drilled a 37-yard field-goal to up the Raider advantage to 17-7.

New Brockton's Junior Magwood returned the ensuing kick 52 yards after the field-goal to set the Gamecocks up at the Houston Academy 37-yardline, but the Gamecocks turned the ball over on downs and at the final horn the Raiders had the win 17-7.



New Brockton head coach Shannon Clark talks with his team during a break in the action. Gamecocks pictured include Doug Salter (60), Wesley McCormick (55) and Justin West (37). The Gamecocks will travel to Hartford Friday night to meet the Geneva County Bulldogs in a key region contest, needing a win to keep their state playoff hopes alive.

## Ripped 40-6 in Goshen

## Kinston Bulldogs no match for Eagles

By Scott Johnson, Sports writer  
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled North Friday night to take on the Goshen Eagles and could not contain the high-powered Eagle offense as Goshen scored early and often to cage the Bulldogs 40-6.

Neither team could move the chains on their initial possession of the night, but the Bulldogs did light up the scoreboard on their second series as Keith Tew took a handoff from Garrett Parker and raced 88 yards for a touchdown to give Kinston a 6-0 lead.

Goshen's Lacorey Teague returned the ensuing kickoff to near the midfield stripe, and from there it took the Eagles only four plays to reach paydirt. Derrick Foster out-raced the Kinston defenders 37 yards into the corner of the endzone, and the extra-point out the Eagles on top 7-6 midway through the first quarter.

Kinston began its next possession at its own 45-yardline after the kickoff sailed out of bounds, and the Bulldogs quickly moved across midfield behind the running of Garrett Parker and Keith Tew. The drive stalled after crossing the midfield stripe, but the 'Dogs pinned the Eagles down deep as Josh Grice boomed a punt that was downed at the Goshen 7-yardline.

The Eagles weren't backed up for long, however, as Goshen needed only eight plays to cover the 93 yards into the endzone. Derrick Foster gained most of the yardage on the long scoring drive, while Marquize Maddox scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run up the middle on the first play of the second quarter. The extra-point was true and Goshen was on top 14-6 only seconds into the second quarter.

Kinston failed to move the chains on its next possession, but did show signs of life on its final possession of the half after a roughing the kicker penalty gave the Bulldogs a first down at the 45-yardline. The Bulldogs moved into Eagle territory behind the hard

running of Keith Tew and a 9-yard pass from Garrett Parker to Billy Johnson, but saw the drive bog down and turned the ball over on downs.

Goshen was determined to add to its lead before the end of the half and did just that as Derrick Foster scored his second touchdown of the night to give the Eagles a 21-6 advantage at intermission.

After an unsuccessful on-sides kick by Kinston to open the second half, Goshen continued to run the ball almost at will against the Bulldogs defense and had little trouble adding to its lead. Lacorey Teague scored the next Eagle touchdown on the first play of the half, and before many of the fans had returned from the concession stand the Eagles' lead had grown to 27-6.

Goshen began its next possession at its own 36-yardline after a Josh Grice punt and this time marched 64 yards to add to its growing advantage. A 19-yard pass from Foster Styron to tight-end Janorris Cogburn was a key play in the drive, while Derrick Foster scored from 10 yards out as the Eagles extended their lead to 34-6 early in the third quarter.

Kinston's Lee McCrummen returned the ensuing kickoff to the 41-yardline, and behind the running of Garrett Parker and Keith Tew moved to a first down across midfield.

A Garrett Parker pass to Billy Johnson was stopped inches short of the first down marker, but the Bulldogs kept the drive alive when on the next snap Keith Tew found a small hole and squeezed through for first down yardage. After a strong Garrett Parker run, Tew again carried the ball on fourth down and again moved the chains as Kinston reached a first down at the Eagle 27-yardline. The scoring threat ended with a fumble at the Goshen 25-yardline; however, and Goshie added a late score on a 2-yard run by Maddox to give the win 40-6.



NOWHERE TO RUN ... A Kinston Bulldog running back finds his path blocked by a host of Goshen Eagles defenders. The Bulldogs will travel to Zion Chapel this week to meet the Zion Chapel rebels.

## Homecoming tilts highlight area high school football action

The high school football season will continue its region battles this week all across the state, and for area teams the week's action will bring with it homecoming celebrations at both Zion Chapel and Brantley.

Following are previews of this week's action:

MCKENZIE (1-6) AT  
BRANTLEY (7-0)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to celebrate homecoming Friday night when they host the McKenzie Tigers, in the renewal of an old football rivalry for both teams. The Bulldogs remained undefeated and almost unchanged last week with a 71-26 romp past Pleasant Home, and this week will be looking to add the Tigers to their list of victims. McKenzie opened the season with a 14-8 upset win over Flomaton, but have fallen on hard times since and will come into Friday night's game with a six-game losing streak after losses to Pleasant Home 20-12, Goshen 7-6, Georgiana 48-13, Arton 42-0, Kinston 12-6 and Florala 45-6. While this game appears to be the biggest mismatch of the week, the scoreboard will read 0-0 when they kick it off, and that means anything can happen.

KINSTON (1-6) AT ZION  
CHAPEL (2-5)

The Zion Chapel Rebels know they must win their next region game to keep their state high school football playoff hopes alive, and this week the Rebels will be looking to take the first step toward that goal when they host the Kinston Bulldogs for homecoming. The Rebels saw their two-game winning streak snapped last week with a lopsided 49-14 loss to Arton, and will need to regroup in a hurry to be ready for the visit by their cross-county rivals from Kinston. The Bulldogs are out of the playoff picture and will bring an 0-3 region slate into the clash. However, the Bulldogs will come to the game mad that

they were picked for the Rebels' homecoming opponent and will also know that an upset can knock the Rebels out of the region record slip to 2-3 last week with a 17-7 loss to Houston Academy. However, the Gamecocks can still finish the season with a 4-3 region mark with a win this week over Geneva County and a win next week over Wicksburg, and that could be enough to get New Brockton in the post-season picture as the #4 team in the region. Geneva County had been the

surprise team in the region and will bring a 3-2 region record into this week's battle. The Bulldogs have posted wins over Houston Academy 25-16, Wicksburg 41-37 and Samson 41-20, while losing to Slocomb 31-7, Cottonwood 51-0, Arton 34-19 and Houston County 38-22. While the home field advantage will go to the Bulldogs, the Gamecocks know they must win to keep their playoff hopes alive and that should mean this game will be one to watch.

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## SPORTS

## Snap two-game winning streak Rebels chased down by 'Cats 49-14

Stats and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels carried their two-game winning streak into Arton Friday night and had their sites set on the undefeated Arton Purple Cats, but found out first hand just why the 'Cats are one of the state's top-ranked 1A teams as Arton pulled away in the second half to bury the Rebels 49-14.

The loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 2-5, 2-3 in region play, while the win kept the Purple Cats perfect on the season and upped Arton's record to 7-0, 5-0 in region action.

Neither team could mount an offensive threat on their first possession of the game, but Arton's offense came to life midway through the first quarter as the Purple Cats drove 67 yards in only seven plays to grab the early lead. Brandon Casey gained 21 yards on three carries to lead the Purple Cats down the field, while the touchdown came on a 22-yard pass from Joseph VanZandt to Mike McDaniels. The extra-point try sailed wide, and with 6:16 left in the opening quarter Arton was on top 6-0.

The Purple Cats got the ball back late in the first quarter on a Rebel punt and appeared to add to their lead on a 39-yard run by VanZandt, but a penalty against Arton for an illegal block wiped out the long touchdown run and five plays later Zion Chapel regained possession at its own 19-yardline.

Arton got the ball right back at the Zion Chapel 37-yardline after an 18-yard punt and this time the Purple Cats cashed in on the scoring opportunity to add to their lead. The touchdown came on a 15-yard run by Justin Masters, and Brandon Casey ran in the two-point conversion as the 'Cats moved ahead 14-0 with 10:07 remaining in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel began its ensuing possession at its own 34-yardline after a 16-yard kickoff return by Abe Childs, and the Rebels stunned the highly-touted Purple Cats by driving 66 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. A 21-yard pass from Austin Smith to Brandon Taylor and a 10-yard pass from Smith to Michael Sneed helped the Rebels reach a first down at the Arton 33-yardline, while runs by Sneed and Charlie Hurd moved the chains again and set Zion Chapel up with a first down at the Purple Cat 22. A 12-yard pass from Austin Smith to Brandon Taylor got the Rebels within inches of the endzone, and on the next play Charlie Hurd bulldozed over the Zion Chapel touchdown. The extra-point sailed wide, but with 5:52 left in the half the Rebels had cut the Arton advantage to 14-

6. Zion Chapel began its next offensive series at its own 15-yardline following a Purple Cat punt with 2:09 remaining on the clock and began a game of 'beat the clock' in an attempt to catch the 'Cats before the end of the half. A 34-yard gain on a half-back pass from Brandon Taylor to Abe Childs gave the Rebels a first down at the Arton 41-yardline, while a 9-yard pass from Austin Smith to Childs and a 2-yard run by Charlie Hurd moved the chains again and gave the Rebels a first down at the Purple Cat 32. Zion Chapel got as close as the Arton 28, but the next two plays resulted in incomplete passes and at the half Zion Chapel went in trailing 14-6.

The Rebels received the second-half kick and behind the running of Michael Sneed and Charlie Hurd quickly moved across midfield, only to see the drive bog down and end with a punt.

Arton began its first possession of the half at its own 30-yardline after a short punt and needed only four plays to cover the 61 yards into the endzone. A 25-yard run by Brandon Casey was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 20-yard pass from Joseph VanZandt to Justin Masters. Masters ran in the two-point conversion and with 6:09 left in the third quarter the Purple Cats had upped their lead to 22-6.

Arton recovered a short kick on the ensuing kickoff at the Zion Chapel 40-yardline, and one play later the Purple Cats were back in the endzone after a 40-yard dash by Justin Masters. The extra-point was successful and with 5:55 left in the quarter Arton had taken command by opening up a 29-6 advantage.

A fight broke out between the two region rivals following the extra-point that resulted in the ejection of four players from Zion Chapel and five players from Arton. However, the game went on after a short break and the Rebels saw their football fortunes go from bad to worse as the Rebels tumbled the ensuing kickoff to give the ball back to the Purple Cats at the Zion Chapel 14-yardline.

Brandon Casey got the call on two straight plays and gained seven yards on both carries, with the second carry going for an Arton touchdown. The extra-point try fell short, and with 5:06 remaining in the third quarter the Purple Cats had blown the game open by opening up a 35-6 lead. Arton scored its third touchdown in less than two minutes only two plays later as Zion Chapel's second snap following the kickoff an Abe Childs pass was intercepted by

the Purple Cats' Jay Houser, who returned the interception for a Purple Cat touchdown. A two-point try failed, but with 3:54 left in the third quarter Arton was now in complete command with a 41-6 advantage.

Zion Chapel was down big and more than a little short-handed with four of its starters on the sidelines, but the Rebels rose to the challenge and marched 65 yards on their ensuing possession to get back on the scoreboard. A 19-yard kickoff return by Brandon Taylor set the Rebels up at their own 35-yardline, and from there the Rebels ran the ball six straight plays to move to a first down at the Purple Cat 9-yardline. Joey Jones gained 11 yards on two carries lead the Rebel charge, while the key play in the drive was a 30-yard pass from Abe Childs to Jamie Wise. The touchdown came on a 10-yard pass from Childs to Wise, and the duo hooked up again on the two-point conversion as the Rebels cut the deficit to 41-14 with 8:12 still remaining in the fourth quarter.

Arton began its next possession at the Zion Chapel 48-yardline after an unsuccessful on-sides kick by the Rebels and scored in only two plays, with the touchdown coming on a 22-yard pass from Joseph VanZandt to Mike McDaniels. The Purple Cats tacked on a two-point conversion for good measure and with 4:00 left in the game Arton owned a big 49-14 lead and held on to claim the big region win.

Charlie Hurd gained 47 yards on 15 carries to lead Zion Chapel's ground attack, while Joey Jones added 11 yards on 2 carries. Austin Smith completed 4 of 8 passes for 52 yards to lead the Rebels through the air, while Abe Childs connected on 2 of 6 passes and Brandon Taylor hit on his only pass for 34 yards. Abe Childs pulled in 2 passes for 43 yards, while Jamie Wise had 2 catches for 39 yards and a touchdown, and Brandon Taylor had 2 catches for 33 yards.

Brandon Casey gained 108 yards on 12 carries to lead Arton and Justin Masters added 70 yards on 10 carries. Joseph VanZandt completed 5 of 10 passes for 112 yards and 2 touchdowns.

STATISTICS

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1st Downs	23
31-75	Rushes-Yds.
125	Passing Yds.
200	Total Offense
7-15-0	Passes
3/2	Fumbles/Lost
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4-25	Penalties-Yds.

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Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) heads outside for a big gain as teammates Antwan Foster (1) and Scotty Adabilla (69) makes blocks. The Bulldogs will host McKenzie Friday night in a key region clash at Brantley's homecoming game.

### Remain undefeated at 7-0

## Brantley batters Eagles 71-26

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer  
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Pleasant Home Eagles met Friday night in Brantley in what turned out to be an offensive explosion as the two region rivals combined for over 1,000 yards in total offense and 97 points in a 71-26 Bulldog victory.

Brantley took the opening kickoff and drove 65 yards in seven plays to score the first points of the night. The touchdown came on a 30-yard run by Devaris Skanes, while Marcus Owens booted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 9:06 remaining in the first quarter.

Pleasant Home responded to the quick Bulldog score and wasted little time heading back down the field, but failed to get on the scoreboard when Brantley's Zack Kilcrease intercepted an Eagle aerial at the Brantley goal line.

Brantley was the length of the field from the Eagle endzone, but needed only six plays to cover the 90 yards to paydirt. A 32-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Devaris Skanes was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard plunge by Chris Booker. Marcus Owens added the extra-point, and with 2:41 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

Brantley's Devaris Skanes intercepted an Eagle pass moments later and returned the interception to the Bulldog 25-yardline to put the Bulldog offense back on the field, and this time it took Brantley only one play to add to its advantage as on the first snap Chris Booker took a handoff up the middle, cut to the left sidelines and raced 75 yards for a touchdown. Devaris Skanes ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:18 still remaining in the opening stanza Brantley was in command with a 22-0 lead.

Brantley's next score came on a three play drive that covered 46 yards. Devaris Skanes gained the final 32 yards on a cut back run across the middle of the field, and Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point to up the Bulldogs' lead to 29-0 with 7:09 left in the second quarter.

Pleasant Home needed only three plays to answer the Bulldog score as the Eagles moved 76 yards into the endzone. The score came on a 32-yard pass from Brad Sanders to Isaac Edgar with 6:08 left in the half, and Bobby Huckabaa added the extra-point as Pleasant Home cut the Brantley lead to 29-7.

A 36-yard kickoff return by Devaris Skanes on the ensuing kickoff set the Bulldogs up at the Eagle 44-yardline, and from there it took the 'Dogs only seven plays to again find the endzone. Josh Burnett scored the touchdown on a 5-yard dash up the middle, while a bad snap on the extra-point try turned into two-points as Edgar Walker



DOGGONE HAPPY! Even the Brantley Bulldog mascot was all smiles Friday night as he posed with two Bulldog cheerleaders during last week's 71-26 win over Pleasant Home.

scooped up the snap and passed to Marcus Owens to up the Brantley lead to 37-7 with 2:15 still left in the second quarter.

Pleasant Home received the ensuing kickoff and flew right back down the field as the Eagles moved 60 yards in only three plays. Scotty McCraney hauled in a Brad Sanders pass over the middle and raced 60 yards up the right sidelines for the touchdown, while Huckabaa booted the extra-point as the Eagles pulled within 37-14 with 1:23 remaining in the half.

The two teams exchanged interceptions before the long first half finally drew to a close as McCraney claimed one for the Eagles and Jeffery Daniels got a pick for the Bulldogs. The Brantley defense got into the act in the third quarter as Zack Kilcrease intercepted his second pass of the night and returned it 38 yards for a Brantley touchdown. Marcus Owens booted the extra-point and with only 1:41 gone in the third quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 44-14.

Andrea Tillis got an interception on the next Pleasant Home possession at the Brantley 33-yardline and this time it took the Bulldogs seven plays to get back into the endzone. Josh Burnett scored his second touchdown of the night on a 2-yard run and Owens added the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 51-14 with 3:56 left in the third quarter.

Two snaps later Brantley's Zack Kilcrease claimed his third interception of the game to stop a Pleasant Home drive at the Bulldog 9-yardline, and Brantley again raced down the field as the 'Dogs' drove 91 yards in eight plays to get back in the endzone. Edgar Walker

B	STATISTICS	PH
24	1st Downs	16
44-514	Rushes-Yds.	18-39
117	Passing Yds.	350
631	Total Offense	389
7-13-1	Passes	17-40-7
94	Return Yds.	155
0	Fumbles/Lost	1
6-45	Penalties-Yds.	4-42
1-26	Punts-Ave.	2-20

## COMMUNITY NEWS



ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING Home held a retirement reception Wednesday, October 13, 2004 honoring Ms. Barbara Gay. Following nineteen years of service, Ms. Gay retired October 1, 2004. A plaque was presented to Ms. Gay by Ms. Ellen Briley, CEO of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. Ms. Gay was also presented with an assortment of gifts and retirement wishes by her friends and co-workers.

### Gary Kelley is new member of the American Angus Association

Gary Kelley, Elba, Alabama, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national breed registry organization in St. Joseph, Missouri. The American Angus Association, with more than 34,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 14 million registered Angus.

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### Hunter Education Course offered at LBCCC-MacArthur

The Alabama Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College November 8, 9, 10, and 11. The course will be held in the Conference Center Building from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each night. This will be a four-day course.

In 1991, the Alabama Legislature passed legislation that requires all first time hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977 to complete a hunter education course prior to purchasing their first hunting license. Alabama is one of 49

states that has a mandatory hunter education program. The goal of the Hunter Education Program is to make Alabama hunters more responsible and more knowledgeable about wildlife conservation.

The Hunter Education Course is minimum of 10 hours of instruction plus a written examination. Students will be given a written exam to be tested for certification on the last night of class. The course includes but is not limited to firearm safety and handling, responsible hunting and hunter ethics, wildlife law, wildlife management and identification, archery, muzzleloading, first aid, survival, and game care.

There is no charge to attend this course. There is no charge for the certification exam. Participants must be age 10 years old or older to attend the class and receive certification. Participants will need to bring their social security card with them on the first night of class.

For more information contact the Adult Education and Skills Training Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5344 or 5360.

### Jesus Celebration planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

A Jesus celebration will be held Saturday, October 23, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Pine Level Community. It will be for children grades preschool through 6th grade. Activities will also be provided for ages 2-4 years old. There will be music, a Bible story, memory verse, and arts and crafts. Lunch will be provided.

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## Coffee County Poll Officials for November 2, 2004 General Election

### STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY.

We, the undersigned Appointing Board of Coffee County, do hereby appoint the following named persons to conduct the General and Constitutional Amendment Election to be held on November 2, 2004.

#### DISTRICT ONE

##### Danley's Cross Roads

Inspector Mack Donaldson  
Chief Clerk Winfred Baker  
1st Clerk Jeanette B. Nelson  
2nd Clerk David G. Baker

#### Lee Community

Inspector Alline Lee  
Chief Clerk Bernice Culver  
1st Clerk John Glenn Lee  
2nd Clerk Mary Alice Lee

#### Newblis

Inspector Brenda Johnson  
Chief Clerk Melinda Hodge  
1st Clerk Cleo Armlong  
2nd Clerk Irvin Armlong

#### Bluff Springs

Inspector Glimmer Grant  
Chief Clerk Teresa Ann Martin  
1st Clerk Lisa Garner  
2nd Clerk Levy C. Kelley

#### National Guard Armory, Elba

Inspector Sylvia Padgett  
Chief Clerk Mrs. Ventellie Corbett 1  
1st Clerk Doris Ausbort  
2nd Clerk Ella Jean Vaughan  
Registration List Clerk Jerome Baxley  
Registration List Clerk Robert Hahn  
Registration List Clerk Annie Bullard

#### Zion Chapel

Inspector C. Ray Hurd  
Chief Clerk Norman D. Green  
1st Clerk Maggie Brown  
2nd Clerk Lela Wilson

#### Pine Level Dist One

Inspector Hughie W. Bryan Jr.  
Chief Clerk Katie Vaughan  
1st Clerk Daphne Hugans  
2nd Clerk Christine Bowden

#### Basin

Inspector Lanette Boutwell  
Chief Clerk Betty S. Boutwell  
1st Clerk Bobby Boutwell  
2nd Clerk Mathayn Farris

#### Wise's Mill

Inspector Nina Allen  
Chief Clerk Gladys Owen  
1st Clerk Julie Brooks  
2nd Clerk Annie Pearl Carpenter

#### Wise Mill School Voting House

Inspector Reta Sheffield  
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean  
1st Clerk Shirley Dean  
2nd Clerk Faye Arrington

#### New Brockton Community Room

Inspector Thomas Eads  
Chief Clerk Sharon Walker  
1st Clerk Shirley White  
2nd Clerk Wanza Peacock

#### DISTRICT TWO

##### Victoria

Inspector Mack King  
Chief Clerk Faye Peters  
1st Clerk Betty Boutwell  
2nd Clerk Judy Killingsworth

#### Chestnut Grove

Inspector Murrell Johnson  
Chief Clerk Alice Ohlenburger  
1st Clerk Cliff Ohlenburger  
2nd Clerk Ouida Cotton

#### Fresco

Inspector Kenneth M. Sanders  
Chief Clerk Levoy Liprott  
1st Clerk Julie Williams  
2nd Clerk Mildred Carter

#### Ennon Dist Two

Inspector Elsie Hilton  
Chief Clerk William A. Edgar  
1st Clerk James Fussell  
2nd Clerk Earline Godwin

#### Heritage Methodist Church

Inspector Sharon Brozski  
Chief Clerk Elizabeth Tew  
Clerk Rose Ann Licina  
2nd Clerk Bob Evans  
Registration List Clerk M. Gladys Volz  
Registration List Clerk Pat Malkoff  
Registration List Clerk Joyce Meadows

#### DISTRICT THREE

##### Perry's Store

Inspector Fred Hodge  
Chief Clerk Barbara Martin  
1st Clerk Mattie P. Mack  
2nd Clerk Louise Farris

##### Elba Rec Center

Inspector Nadine Fuller  
Chief Clerk Lynne Berry  
1st Clerk Edward Howard Berry  
2nd Clerk Cabert Mills  
Registration List Clerk Elaine C. Bullard  
Registration List Clerk Carol Wilson  
Registration List Clerk John L. Wade  
Registration List Clerk Peggy Stroud  
Registration List Clerk Clarissa Michelle Smith  
Registration List Clerk Janice McCall

##### Pleasant Ridge

Inspector Fred Stinson  
Chief Clerk Sue Walls  
1st Clerk Gayle Kelley  
2nd Clerk Josephine Stephenson

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Inspector Betty Sessions  
Chief Clerk Norman D. Green  
1st Clerk Essie Dell McInnis  
2nd Clerk Nyoka Bowdoin

##### Hoiley's Store Dist Three

Inspector Shirley Chambliss  
Chief Clerk Hazel Hooley  
1st Clerk Grace Weeks  
2nd Clerk D. Lois Culver

##### Damascus

Inspector Judith Hurley  
Chief Clerk Cheryl Harris  
1st Clerk Ouida Crosby  
2nd Clerk Ed Carroll

##### Kinston

Inspector Howard Bess  
Chief Clerk Viola Shaffer  
1st Clerk Mary Cook  
2nd Clerk Betty Jo Seay

#### DISTRICT FOUR

##### Goodman

Inspector Jimmy Watson  
Chief Clerk Hilda Allen  
1st Clerk Roy Grimes  
2nd Clerk Marjorie Herrington

##### Mt. Pleasant

Inspector Judy Bruce  
Chief Clerk Pat Britt  
1st Clerk LaMargaret Barley  
2nd Clerk Bobbie White

##### Cool Springs

Inspector Phyllis K. Adkison  
Chief Clerk Jeanette Moates  
1st Clerk James Randy Adkison  
2nd Clerk Lotin Martin

##### Fairview

Inspector Bob Bowdoin  
Chief Clerk Claire A. Sessions  
1st Clerk Christine Day  
2nd Clerk Shirley Bowdoin

#### DISTRICT FIVE

##### National Guard Armory, New Brockton

Inspector Leo Brown  
Chief Clerk Robert Fleming Jr.  
1st Clerk Edna Blair  
2nd Clerk Margaret Peggy Bowdoin

##### Johns Chapel AME Church

Inspector Calvin Garth  
Chief Clerk Dorothy Richardson  
1st Clerk Veola Grayer  
2nd Clerk David Deal

#### Machine Two

Inspector Bert Barr  
Chief Clerk Annie Hooks  
Clerk Doanna Estevez  
2nd Clerk Loretta Fleming

#### DISTRICT SIX

##### YMCA Machine One

Inspector Albert Apel  
Chief Clerk Mamie Myers  
1st Clerk Don Weaver  
2nd Clerk Carl Abbott

##### Enterprise, Al YMCA

Inspector Jimmy Jones  
Chief Clerk Pam Morrow  
1st Clerk Mary Wallace  
2nd Clerk Jonelle Blitz  
Registration List Clerk Elaine Roberts  
Registration List Clerk Thelia Kelly  
Registration List Clerk Kitty Ruth Coles  
Registration List Clerk Sam MacMaste  
Registration List Clerk Nancy  
Registration List Clerk Jeanne Stancil  
Provisional Ballot Officer Mary Joyce Apal

#### DISTRICT SEVEN

##### Enterprise Rec Center Machine One

Inspector Bert Block  
Chief Clerk Ann Agee  
1st Clerk Essie Dell McInnis  
2nd Clerk Phyllis Miller

##### Enterprise Rec Center Machine Two

Inspector William Carter  
Chief Clerk Hazel Buckner  
1st Clerk Bud Hickman  
2nd Clerk Charlie Block  
Registration List Clerk Joan Ayer  
Registration List Clerk Nancy Presson  
Registration List Clerk Nancy Shuffelbarger  
Registration List Clerk Ruth Morrow  
Registration List Clerk Michelle Mann  
Registration List Clerk Max Walls  
Registration List Clerk Sue Cobb  
Registration List Clerk Mary Alice Logan  
Registration List Clerk Charmaine Carter  
Provisional Ballot Officer Mary Jon Sneckenburger

#### ABSENTEE

Inspector Harold Myers  
Chief Clerk Coy Dell Ellis  
1st Clerk Gerald Tucker  
2nd Clerk Arthur C. "Buddy" Brunson

Done this 13th day of October, 2004.

#### Coffee County Appointing Board

James M. Counts  
Circuit Clerk

William O. Gammill  
Judge of Probate

#### Ben Moates

Sheriff

#### ELECTION SCHOOL

The Election Schools will be held on the following dates: Inspectors: 6:30 on Monday, Oct 25, 2004, Community Room at the Coffee County Complex, New Brockton, Clerks: 6:30 on Tuesday, Oct 26, 2004, Council Chambers at Enterprise City Hall, Enterprise or 6:30 on Thursday, Oct 28, 2004, Courthouse, Coffee County Courthouse, Elba



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**FUN DAY...** The seniors at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center enjoyed a fun day last Friday, Oct. 15. Everyone enjoyed several activities throughout the day including a gospel singing and grilled ham-burgers and hot dogs for lunch. The seniors are shown above in front of a new van recently acquired for the center. The seniors said they are looking forward to taking many trips on the new van and thanked the county commission for its help in acquiring it.



The gospel group Crimson River performed during the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center fun day last Friday, Oct. 16.

## Extension office plans financial workshop

The Coffee County Extension System will host a free financial workshop Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Workshop topics will be: Finding Safe Places for Your Money; Financial Planning; Using Credit Wisely; New Tax Laws; and Theft Identity.

Lunch will be provided and door prizes will be given. To register, call 894-5596 no later than Monday, Oct. 25.

## Notice:

The Coffee County Emergency Communications Board will conduct its quarterly Board meeting on Friday, October 29, 2004, at 12 noon, location of the meeting will be the county office complex in New Brockton.

The news media and the public are invited. Please call 894-1305 (Charles Webb) for additional information.

## Christmas Festival pageants set for Friday, Nov. 19

The annual Christmas Festival pageants will be held Friday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Attire will be Christmas dress. The pageant is not limited to Elba residents only.

Entry fee is \$10.00 and should be submitted with the bio sheet, which can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office or Elba/Zion Chapel Elementary schools.

Practice will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.; this is not a mandatory practice. Those who plan to participate are asked to make sure the bio sheet and entry fee are turned in prior to the practice, in order to be assigned a number.

Divisions are as follows:

Baby Miss - Birth to 12 months; Tiny Tot Miss - 1-2 years; Petite Miss - 3-4 years; Little Miss - K-2nd grade; Junior Miss - 3rd-4th grade; Junior Miss - 5th - 6th grade.

Queens and runners-up are invited to ride in the Christmas parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m. Line-up will begin behind the old high school at 4 p.m. Adults are asked to ride with children under the age of 4.

Also, the Elba Chamber requests that no one throw candy during the parade except Santa. For more information contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m., no calls at work please, or the Chamber office at 897-3125.

## Pumpkins on the Square set for Saturday, Oct. 30

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will kick off the holiday season with "Pumpkins on the Square" Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme. Also, the merchants are encouraged to display their Halloween spirit by dressing costume. It is hoped that all merchants will treat children in costume with candies.

Due to the overwhelming response again last year, the Chamber is asking for candy donations that will be distributed to the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Any business that is not located around the square also is welcome to setup and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters. To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest or most original costume in each age division.

Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are as follows: 1 month to 2 years; 3 years to 4 years; Kindergarten through Third Grade and Fourth Grade through Sixth Grade.

Hay rides and a moonwalk will also be a huge part of this unfilled night.



Mayor James Grimes joined Elba High School teachers Margaret Calhoun and Lynn Weeks to sign a proclamation for Alpha Delta Kappa month. Both are members of Alpha Upsilon, the Coffee County chapter of ADK. Worldwide there are over 125,000 members committed not only to educational excellence, but also to altruistic projects like the Children's Hospital of Alabama.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Semonelle named USO Airman of the Year

U. S. Air Force Senior Airman Nicholas P. Semonelle was honored in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, for his heroism in rescuing children from a burning home. He was presented the "USO Service Hero of the Year" awards at a dinner in his honor at the Hilton Washington.

In January 2003, while on leave, Airman Semonelle saw smoke coming from a home and immediately called 911. After learning that small children

were trapped inside, he and his brother-in-law broke a window to get inside the burning structure to look for the children.

Moving from room to room in the blazing house, filled with toxic smoke, the two men located the first child, a 7-year-old boy. After carrying him to safety, Airman Semonelle risked his life by returning inside the burning structure to find the second child, a 3-year-old girl. When emergency personnel arrived, the house was engulfed in

flames, and Airman Semonelle and his brother-in-law and the two children lay exhausted on the ground, coughing from smoke inhalation.

Semonelle's heroic act and awards resulted in eligibility of one of his children to attend the U. S. Air Force Academy. In addition, Semonelle's picture will hang in the Pentagon for one year.

While in Washington, Semonelle spent some time with Sen. Jeff Sessions, (R-Ala.)

Semonelle is the son of Elaine Semonelle, Elba, and the late Nicholas P. Semonelle, also assisted with the gutter work for the center.



Participants of the Elba Senior Citizens Center recently thanked Prettyman Construction for gutter work provided to allow the seniors to enter the building without getting wet from rain. The seniors are shown here with Greg Prettyman and his son, Bobby Prettyman (both kneeling). Greg's son, Josh, also assisted with the gutter work for the center.

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- 11:15 a.m. Entertainment Provided by Resting Place
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- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment Provided by The Nelons
- 1:30 p.m. Business Session Begins Live broadcast on WTBF-AM 970
- 1:35 p.m. Entertainment Provided by The Nelons
- 2:00 p.m. Registration Closes
- 2:05 p.m. Trustee Elections Elections for District 1 and 2
- 2:50 p.m. Major Prizes Awarded



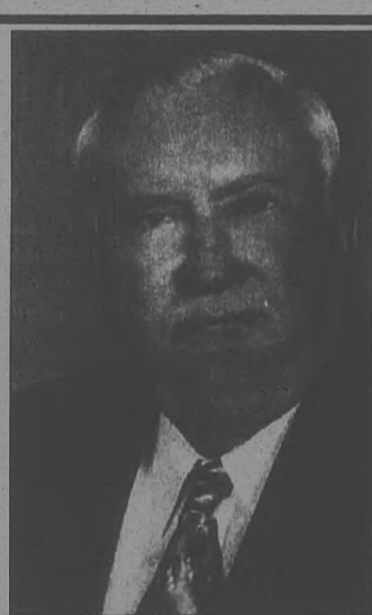
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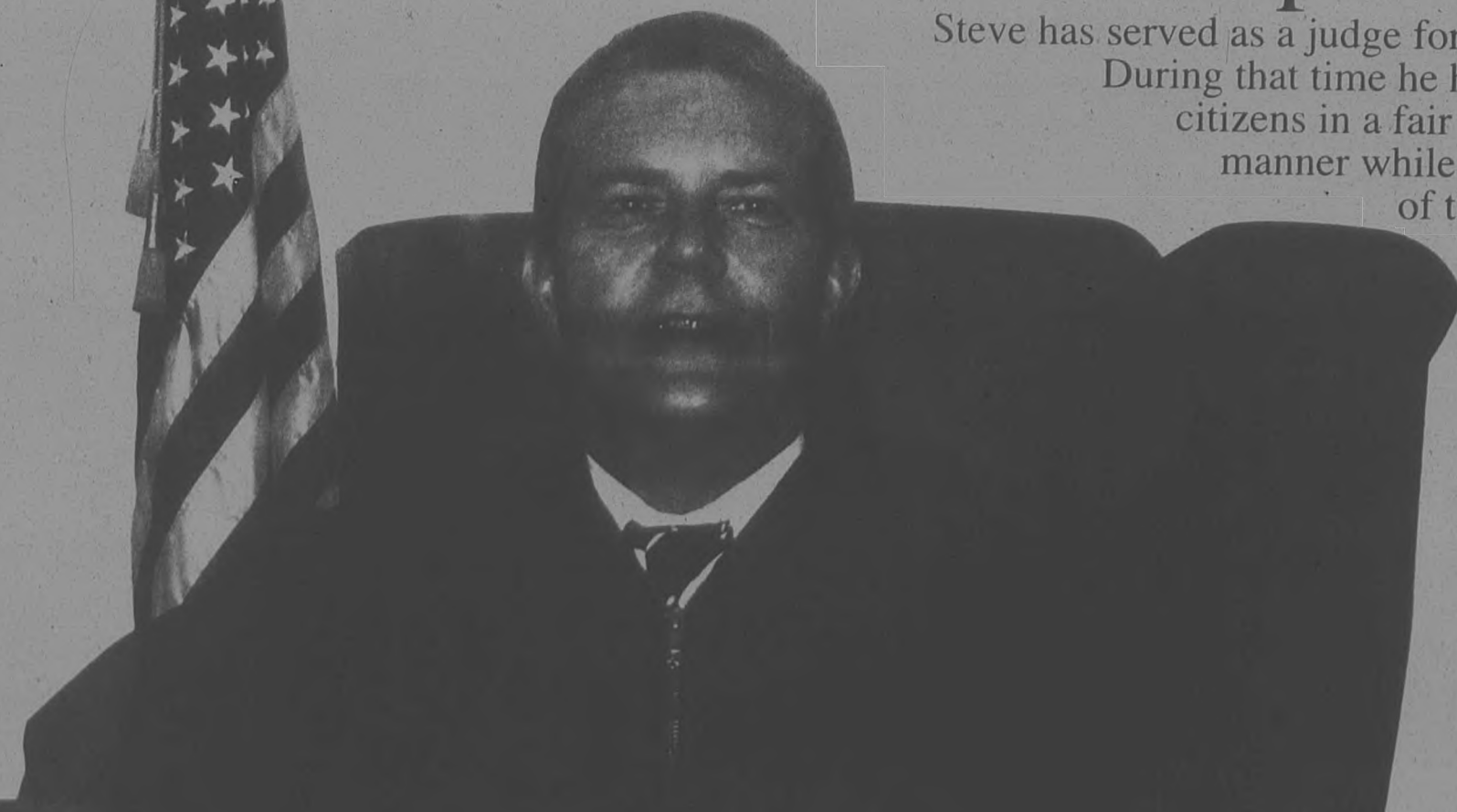


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# The Elba Clipper

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During Elba City Council meeting

## Citizens of Mulberry Heights voice concerns

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It was soon apparent at the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening that this was not to be "business as usual." A group of people who billed themselves as Concerned Citizens of Mulberry Heights filed into the room in ones and twos until there was over a dozen of them and they were officially on the agenda for the evening.

Timothy Williams was the official spokesperson for the group, but Eugene Brown and Willie Paul Caldwell also addressed the city council.

Their complaints centered around police actions after responding to a complaint of a domestic dispute on October 18th between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Williams was concerned that police wanted to arrest Mr. Caldwell when he (Williams) and other witnesses hadn't seen him do anything wrong. He said it appeared they were not asking any questions. He was also concerned that no one could tell him who called in the complaint.

Caldwell told council members his version of what happened that night and admitted to telling police officers he was not going to be arrested.

Brown complained that police would ride by white teenagers hanging around the bank parking lot and drive to Mulberry and tell those youth to get out of the streets. He also made reference to beer drinking.

Councilman Tom Hooks said complaints he has received tended to point a finger at one or two afternoon shift police officers as major offenders, without naming names.

Mayor James Grimes said the police chief would look into the matter. Later, at the request of Councilman Ronnie Hammond, the council voted to hold a work session next Monday evening (with the police chief) to discuss the actions of police officers.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth announced to the council that due to recent complaints of speeding, officers will be working radar on Highland Drive.

He also reported that another police officer has been activated with the Alabama National Guard. This time it is not for a few weeks, but for duty in Iraq.

The department has made 16 drug arrests in October, according to the police chief.

H. H. (Junior) Culver was appointed to another term on the South Central Mental Health Board.

Grimes briefly reviewed the financial statement and suggested council members call or come by the office any time they have a question about the report. He noted that revenue was \$203,840.76 for the fiscal year just completed. Most of the increase was in sales tax, up by over \$125,000. Also showing a big jump was tobacco tax, privilege license, financial institution tax, SE Alabama Gas District and telephone franchise. Transferring cash from the Water and Electric Board was also up by \$35,241.

The income categories dropping included police fines, down by \$5,169; gasoline tax, down by \$27,890; ad valorem down by \$14,740; sewer tap, down by \$950; garbage fees down by \$7,488 and recreation down by \$190.

Annual expenses were also over budget. According to the mayor hurricane overtime in September and building the new Animal Control Building (to make room for Toledo Molding) both played a major roll in the budget spending overages.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that Hurricane Ivan debris collection is officially over and the trash crews are back to picking up regular trash. He added that two trucks are still in use, due to the heavy work load.

Paving of the walking trail on top the levee is now completed. Sodding of the sides is underway, and lighting will be installed in the near future.

The resurfacing project which repaired several city streets is complete, Grantham said. He added that work has begun on repaving Larkin Road, all the way from U. S. 84 at Bradley's Florist to where it rejoins U. S. 84. The Alabama Department of Transportation will limit traffic on the road to local traffic only during this time.

## Standard Time



Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour Saturday Night!

## Coffee County Commission holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For its final meeting of the current 4-year term, the Coffee County Commission held a very routine meeting Monday, Oct. 25.

Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed commissioners to explain his reasoning behind a job classification request for his department.

Burns said the state is making it a requirement to have personal property appraisal, and he said it would be more cost effective for the county to reclassify an already in-place employee as a designated appraisal trainee

rather than contract the work from an outside company.

In making his request Burns asked that the employee's starting base salary be the same as what the state pays its base employees.

"This employee will eventually be certified," Burns said. "She already has some classes under her belt."

Burns said the employee can hold the trainee position for only eight years before being required to be certified.

Commission chairman Robert Stephens offered a motion to create the position for the employee and adopt the salary requested by Burns based on the

Alabama Revenue Department's pay scale.

The motion passed by a 5-1 vote. Commissioner Doug Dairymple cast the opposing vote. Commissioner Berne Brooks was not present for the meeting.

While addressing commissioners, Burns also suggested that if grant money is not available this year, the county put off purchasing a Global Information System (GIS) for another year.

With Monday's meeting being her last as a commissioner, commissioner Jessie Lewis offered

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**MARTIAL ART CENTER OPENS...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Elba's newest business Friday, Oct. 15, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ribbon cutting was held in conjunction with the grand opening of U.S. Yonshukai Dojo of Champions which is located on the square in downtown Elba. The center specializes martial art training such as karate or judo. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss Elba Kendall Stinson, Herby McCall, Linda Williams, Jimmy Stoudimire, Sensei Abia Williams, Tiny Flowers, Future Little Miss Elba Madelyn Kelley, Marissa Williams, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Doris Matthews, Sensei Steve Pierce, Tonya Jones, Bishop Hiron Williams, T. J. Barlette, Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford and Josh Wilson.



**TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS** were popular at the Carl Folsom airport in Elba last Saturday, Oct. 23, as the EAA Chapter 351 and Wing Nuts Inc. sponsored an Elba Fly-In. Aviation enthusiasts were able to see many varying types of planes and ultralights. Everyone also had plenty of opportunities to watch the pilots land and take off. Above, several spectators watch as a pilot lifts his airplane off the runway to make a quick trip around Elba checking out the aerial view.

## Officers find drugs/pipe bombs while assisting DHR

While assisting Coffee County Department of Human Resources personnel on a welfare check concern last Wednesday, Oct. 21, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and officers from the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force recovered approximately eight grams of methamphetamine and five pipe bombs.

Estimated value of the drugs was near \$1,000.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, officers arrested Timothy Allen Burleson, age 41, of 197 County Road 422, Opp, Ala. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance. He was later released on a \$3,000 bond.

Also arrested was a male juvenile. He was transported to the diversion center in Dothan.

During the search of the residence, Moates said officers found the illegal drugs and five pipe bombs. He said three of the bombs were made from PVC pipe, and two were made from galvanized pipe fittings.

"All five appeared to be capable of causing an explosion if detonated," Moates said.

The Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit of the Dothan

Elba man dies from stab wound following altercation

An altercation outside an Enterprise lounge last weekend led to the death of an Elba man.

According to Capt. Mike Lolley, public information officer for the Enterprise Police Department, officers responded to the report of a fight outside the Office Lounge, located on the Geneva Highway, last

Police Department responded to the scene and was able to safely remove and render the explosive devices harmless.

Moates said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was contacted and advised of the type of explosive devices found. He said any charges

related to the explosive devices will be presented to a federal grand jury.

All explosive evidence was released to ATF agents for submission to an ATF laboratory for

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## Search warrant executions lead to several drug arrests in Elba

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The recent execution of search warrants by officers of the Elba Police Department and Twelfth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force resulted in the arrest of several individuals for various drug charges.

According to Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, seven people were arrested Monday evening, Oct. 25, after officers executed a search warrant at a mobile home on the 203 Bypass in Elba.

Kenneth Jerome Harris, age 41, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana II.

Melinda Faye Barbee, age 38, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana II.

Marcus Devan Law, age 40, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana II and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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to the emergency room at Medical Center Enterprise before officers arrived on scene.

Mitchell later died as a result of the stab injury.

Although the investigation remains open, Capt. Lolley said no arrest has been made at this time. He said there is indication that the stabbing may have been self-defense.

Lolley said his department will continue to collect all information regarding this incident and will present it during the next Coffee County grand jury session. He said the jury will decide at that time if any charges will be filed.

## Area Happenings

**THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** continues Friday, Oct. 29, with the Elba Tigers traveling to Hartford to take on the Geneva County Bulldogs. Also, the New Brockton Gauchos will travel to Sumner, the Kinston Bulldogs will host Florio, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host McKenzie, and the Bramley Bulldogs will travel to Azusa.

**A HEALTHY HARVEST HEALTH FAIR AND BLOOD DRIVE** will be hosted by the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon.

**THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** will kick off the holiday season with "Pumpkins on the Square" Sunday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., on the square in downtown Elba. Hay rides and a moonwalk will also be a huge part of this fun-filled night.

**THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTION** will be held Tuesday, Nov. 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON'S "DON HELMS DAY"** which was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30, has been postponed until Saturday, Nov. 20. The town will hold its fall festival in conjunction with the dedication of the walking trail to Don Helms.

## NOTICE

Citizens of Elba are encouraged to visit the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue next Thursday, Nov. 4, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to bid Godspeed to local National Guard members being deployed.

Select members of the Elba unit recently received activation orders. The guardsmen are awaiting deployment to Iraq.